

Final BULLETINS

Bombs Disorganize German Railways

NEW YORK (CP)—The BBC as heard here today quoted the Swiss newspaper Basle Nachrichten as saying German railroads have become disorganized as a result of Allied bombings, lack of personnel, bad rolling stock and defective installations.

82 On Draft List

VANCOUVER (CP)—The University of B.C. announced today the names of 82 men students whose marks were unsatisfactory in the Christmas university examinations have been forwarded to the divisional registrar, Department of National War Services.

Chinese Advance

CHUNGKING (AP)—Additional Chinese forces crossed the Hutu River in the Hupeh-Hunan border region and are attacking the Japanese in the vicinity of Ouchikow, the high command announced today.

Pneumonia Deaths Here 19 This Month

Pneumonia was listed as the cause of 19 of the 109 Greater Victoria deaths registered in the provincial government's vital statistics office for December to date. Danger of that complaint has been emphasized by medical men warning patients to exercise care when they contract the severe colds which have been prevalent.

15 Pulmonary Deaths

VANCOUVER (CP)—Influenza and pneumonia conditions caused 15 deaths in the Vancouver health area during this month compared with one death from those causes in December, 1942. Dr. Stewart Murray, city health officer, said today.

Name Cereal Chief

OTTAWA (CP)—George McIvor, chief commissioner of the Canadian Wheat Board, has been appointed chairman of the cereals and feeds committee of the United Kingdom, the United States and Canada, it was announced late today by Trade Minister MacKinnon.

Jap Envoy Recalled

NEW YORK (AP)—Funao Miyakawa, first secretary of the Japanese embassy in Russia, has been summoned home, the Berlin radio said today in a Tokyo dispatch. The brief announcement contained no hint of any deterioration in relations between the two countries, which are at peace under a non-aggression pact.

2 Children Slain, Police Hold Mother

MONTREAL (CP)—Mrs. Edna McLennan, 43, was taken into custody by Montreal police this afternoon after two children had been killed and a third injured in the cellar of her home. She was the mother of the trio who were listed by police as Donald McLennan, 12, and his sister, Ellen McLennan, 8, dead, and nine-year-old Marion McLennan who was taken to a hospital with undetermined injuries.

'Flu at Aklavik

EDMONTON (CP)—A Canadian Pacific Airlines plane is flying a special shipment of sulfa drugs to combat a reportedly serious outbreak of influenza in the Mackenzie River delta settlement of Aklavik, which has a population of about 250. The plane left Norman Wells, N.W.T., early today.

2 B.C. Fliers Killed

NELSON, B.C. (CP)—PO, Russell R. Clark of Erickson, B.C., died of injuries suffered Dec. 21, and Sgt. Merl (Nicky) John of Salmoe, B.C., was killed — both while on active service with the R.C.A.F. overseas, their parents were notified today.

Protest Letter Ban

REGINA (CP)—C.C.F. members of Parliament have been requested by the C.C.F. National Council to protest vigorously the ban on letters or articles or other expressions of opinion by those in active service, the press committee of the C.C.F. National Conference here said this afternoon in a statement.

Seventy-five delegates from all over the Dominion were in attendance when the five-day conference opened this morning.

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60% Tax Cut?

TORONTO (CP)—Hughes Cleaver, Liberal M.P. for Halton and chairman of the House of Commons Committee on War Expenditures, estimated today that taxes in Canada can be reduced 60 per cent after the war if the national income is maintained.

PRICE FIVE CENTS

Russians Break Through--Nazis Routed

Canadians Occupy Italy's 'Little Stalingrad' After Bloody, Nine-Day Battle for Each Street



Battle-toughened Canadian infantrymen enter to take the Adriatic port of Ortona after one of the most bitter fights of the campaign.



Canadian sniper at a street barricade. This is typical of the house-to-house battle for Ortona.



25-pounder of the Canadian artillery slams into action. Crack Canadian gunners play a large part in the artillery duelling in the battle for Ortona.

5-Day Liquor Wait Ordered for B.C. Visitors

Visitors from the United States and other provinces of Canada in 1944 will be unable to make liquor purchases until they have been in British Columbia five days, Liquor Commissioner W. F. Kennedy announced today.

This is reciprocal as far as Washington State and Alberta are concerned. British Columbians there must wait several days before they can obtain a permit.

Liquor board officials say they expect this regulation to save thousands of bottles a year for British Columbians, for it will pretty well cut out entirely all liquor purchases by U.S. people and Canadians from outside this province.

No longer will a group of sailors or soldiers come ashore from the Seattle steamer and go directly to a liquor store, they said. It will eradicate certain abuses, too. It is reported that some Victorians, seeing a group of U.S. sailors or soldiers standing idly on a corner suggest that they each buy him a bottle—for a consideration, such as one free bottle.

12 PURCHASES IN ONE DAY: The waiting period will give the liquor board time to check on applicants. Some visitors, it was explained, have been buying permits daily during their visit. Liquor board reports one U.S. visitor, who, piloted by his British Columbia host, made 12 purchases in one day. Such a practice will no longer be possible, the board said.

Only one month's coupons will be issued to a visitor at a time. Should the visitor be in the province two months he will have to make application to the board for the second month's coupon. He will not be given the full 12-month Lookieet, as will be given to R.C. people.

BEER WITH HARD LIQUOR

Next year purchases may be made twice-monthly and it will also be possible to buy both hard liquor and beer each month, provided only half the quota of each is taken. For instance, a permit holder may purchase a small bottle of hard liquor and later in the month, or at the same time, may buy a dozen beer, or a dozen and a half, depending on the monthly ration. This, it was forecast, will be much more satisfactory and will obviate what many people consider the necessity of packing away three dozen beer at a time, in order not to lose out.

NO YEAR-END RUSH

There have been no rushes develop in the liquor stores this month. In former years, even before shortages, there were always queues at Christmas and New Year's. This year most permit holders made their purchases early in the month and one purchase canceled the permit.

Liquor clerks said today they are continually amazed at the number of Chinese who are purchasing liquor, where formerly, Chinese seldom bought a bottle.

They suspected the purchases are for white friends, for 50 cents for a dollar. Every Chinese in the Greater Victoria area must now own a permit, it was reported.

PERMIT SALE JUMPS

The 1943 permit sale has jumped in the last 10 days, as persons who have used their permits persuaded their non-drinking friends and relatives to help them out over the festive season. Between 200 and 300 new permits have been sold daily in the last 10 days. In former years few permits were ever sold in December.

New permit and coupon booklet is elaborate. The permit, in duplicate, is in the front, printed on green paper. It is impossible to erase the printed name of the owner without marking the paper. This is to stop the practice, fairly common, of name changing—on permits. Liquor Board has now 31 permits on which the names were so expertly changed that it was impossible to tell without closest scrutiny and tests.

500,000 PERMIT HOLDERS LISTED HERE

Coupon store at 909 Government Street, in charge of Chas. B. McIntosh, formerly of the Humboldt Street store, will become coupon headquarters for the province. Files are now being built and there will be filed alphabetically all the permit duplicates from all over the province—at least 500,000. It is to this store that applications for permits by visitors in any part of the province must come for approval. A visitor to Prince Rupert, for instance, will have to wait for his permit until application is made to Victoria and the permit returned to him.

Liquor Control Board officials said today that after six months of trials and tribulations and a great deal of abuse, they had now worked out a watertight system.

Petition Ottawa To Save Shipbuilding

Over 6,000 Victoria shipyard workers were today signing a petition to Ottawa asking for an amendment to the Canada Shipping Act to allow only Canadian ships to carry passengers and freight between Canadian ports. Objective, it was explained, is development of a peacetime shipbuilding industry in Canada and perpetuation of the plants and employment that have risen on wartime orders.

Also under consideration, shipyard men said, was a move to have the federal government refuse registry in Canada to all ships not built in Canada. This would force operators of all coastwise and lakes services and of some ocean services to have their vessels built in Canada by Canadian labor, instead of going to Europe, as was the practice before the war, to take advantage of lower labor costs.

The petitions will go to all shipyards and allied industries across Canada, it was announced.

U.S. Navy Chief Says 1944 Drive On Japs Planned

WASHINGTON (AP)—Admiral King, commander-in-chief of the United States fleet, said today that plans are ready for shifting full strength of the United Nations into the war against Japan, probably sometime in 1944.

The preparation of the plans, he said, has been under way for several months and may not wait until defeat of Germany, which he agreed with Gen. Eisenhower may be expected in 1944.

"I am hopeful and expectant," King said, "that Germany will be defeated in 1944. I am expecting that unremitting pressure on Japan will be continued and increased."

"I don't know whether anyone else has announced it, but it would be an obvious thing—studies have been under way for several months looking to a shift of power from the European theatre to the Pacific theatre not only when Germany is defeated, but as her defeat seems near at hand."

MAIN LINES OF ATTACK

The navy's commander-in-chief added in an interview that when the shift of power is made "the main lines of attack on Japan are already determined and additional means will be used to add to the general strategy of defeat for Japan."

Mile of Highway Won By Canadians

LONDON (CP)—D.N.B. in a Berlin broadcast today said the Allies had made a leapfrog landing on the west coast of Italy near the mouth of the Garigliano River.

The broadcast claimed the landing forces, presumably from Lt. Gen. Mark Clark's 5th Army, had been intercepted on the beaches and that as a result the action was localized.

There was no immediate Allied confirmation of the German report.

Drive Through Town in Mountains

By RICHARD G. MASSOCK

ALGIER (AP)—Troops of the British-Canadian 8th Army have occupied and pushed on through Castel di Sangro in the Apennine Mountains some 40 miles from the Adriatic. Allied headquarters announced today.

Castel di Sangro is six miles northeast of Alfedena, on a road leading northward up the hills to the Pescara-Rome highway. It is on a part of the front that has been inactive except for patrols for some weeks.

Fighting swayed back and forth in Villa Santa Maria in mountain country along the Sangro, 22 miles inland from the Adriatic.

Canadian 8th Army troops have pressed a mile up the Adriatic coast from Ortona toward Pescara over a heavily-rained road, headquarters announced.

On the left flank of their advance at Ortona, 8th Army units seized an important hill half a mile northwest of Villa Grande, headquarters said.

(William Stewart, Canadian Press war correspondent in Italy, said today Canadian 1st Division troops following up their victory at Ortona had swept across the area west of the town and late Wednesday were moving towards the valley of the little Tevere river.)

(The advance was carried out by a battalion of westerners moving along the coastal road and by maritime troops traveling across country with tanks.)

(The westerners marched nearly a mile without meeting any opposition, then ran into an enemy outpost position mounted with machine guns, anti-tank guns and 88-millimetre artillery.)

(The Canadians spread out on either side of the road and the enemy position was engaged by fire from tanks moving up with the maritimers south of the highway to Pescara.)

(The maritimers encountered mortar and machine gun fire as they worked toward the highway crossing the Tesore valley and French-speaking troops (of the Royal 22nd Regiment of Quebec) on their left flank also reported fire from the far side of the valley.)

In the central sector, 5th Army troops stormed 3,000-foot Mt. Cersaola, five miles east of Biagio, after a half-mile advance. The hill overlooks the Colle-Atina highway.

Tax Payment Due

OTTAWA (CP)—Final instalments on 1942 income tax are due tomorrow and delinquents are subject to 5 per cent interest on the balance outstanding after Dec. 31, revenue department officials said today.

Daylight Raids Succeed Night Blow at Berlin

LONDON (AP)—The smashing assault on Berlin by the R.A.F. and R.C.A.F. Wednesday night, in which more than 2,000 tons of bombs were dropped, was followed up in daylight today by a heavy raid by U.S. bombers on targets in southwest Germany.

Escorted as usual by R.A.F. and U.S. fighter planes, the American bombers attacked the area in which lie such key German cities as Stuttgart, Mannheim, Frankfurt and Karlsruhe. Specific targets were not announced. It was the eighth major operation of the month for the U.S. fliers.

Wednesday night's heavy assault may have finished Berlin as the working capital of Germany.

The engines of the mighty R.A.F.-R.C.A.F. night armada that dealt the eighth heavy knock at the German capital since the campaign of destruction was begun were hardly cold before large formations of heavy daylight bombers, fighter-bombers and fighters streaked at all heights toward the continent in the direction of the bristling "rocket-gun coasts" of France, last pounded by a 1,300-plane American fleet Christmas Eve.

The extraordinary strong force of British and Canadian Lancasters and Halifaxes went over desolated Berlin in the early evening and through a heavy cover of clouds dumped one of the largest loads of explosives and fire bombs ever poured on one target in an attack in this war.

In the raiding formations was the largest force of heavy bombers ever sent out by the Royal Canadian Air Force.

In announcing the operation, the Air Ministry described the attack as "very heavy" and concentrated, and said that smoke spiralled upward to 16,000 feet from the large fires set by 2,000 tons of high explosives and incendiaries.

Today's German communique acknowledged "heavy damage to several districts of the Reich capital. Destruction was caused particularly in residential quarters."

Twenty bombers were lost in the raid, in Mosquito attacks on western and central Germany and northern France, and in mine-laying operations. Five of the heavy bombers lost were Canadian.

This was well below the average of 28 lost in the seven previous raids on Berlin.

Vancouver's 18th Fog

VANCOUVER (CP)—For the 18th time this month Vancouver groped its way through a blanket of heavy fog today. The thick, patchy mist, accompanied by a white frost descended on the city early this morning. Streetscars and ferries were running behind schedule and T.C.A. and C.P.A.L. planes were delayed.

Whole German Line Crumbles Before Zhitomir

LONDON (CP)—A German rout along the whole front before Zhitomir was announced tonight by Premier Marshal Stalin, who said the Russians had advanced up to 60 miles in a break-through 180 miles wide, and a later Soviet communique told of 300 more communities captured in the last 24 hours.

The Moscow communique, recorded by the Soviet monitor in London, also told of several more populated places captured in the Vitebsk area of northern White Russia, and 30 more towns captured in the two-day old offensive west of Zaporozhe, in the Dnieper bend.

Kazatin, 25 miles south of Zhitomir, was captured. It is a station on the vital Kiev-Vinnitsa railway, which 60 miles farther to the southwest joins the main railway line to Odessa.

Premier Stalin ordered the crushing advance saluted in Moscow tonight by 20 thundering salvos from 224 cannon.

Nazi High Command No Longer Controls

By EDDY GILMORE

MOSCOW (AP)—The German high command appears to have lost control of its forces, at least temporarily, on the Russian front in the blackest period for the Nazis since their invasion of the Soviet Union.

It is as apparent as the face on the Kremlin clock that Hitler or his generals, or both, have guessed wrong again, have been outwitted by the Red Army general staff and have made one of their greatest blunders of the war.

Marshall von Manstein's whole Ukrainian front is caving in. His proud tank units are piling up in the snows.

Garrisons are out of communication with the command. They are being surrounded and the Russians are retaking territory. Hitler's big blunder was his counteroffensive west of Kiev.

He drew large numbers of tanks and soldiers from other sections of the front and from the deep rear — from France, Italy, Poland and the Netherlands — and threw them with great fury against Gen. Nikolai Vatutin's front, hoping to achieve a breakthrough, cut off large numbers of Russian troops, retake Kiev and recapture command of the middle Dnieper.

Unimportant Gains For Enormous Losses

His great effort gave him two cities—Zhitomir and Korosten—and lots of villages which are not important. But it cost him several thousand tanks and thousands of soldiers and he has lost Korosten again.

In the current fighting Gen. Nikolai Vatutin's 1st Ukraine Army, spearheading the great Soviet three-front winter offensive, rolled toward Russia's 1939 frontier today across the flat, frozen steppes that contain few natural defence obstacles east of the Bug River in Poland, 190 miles away.

Vatutin's troops were less than 48 miles from the rail and river town of Gorodnitsa, on the Polish-Russian border, following their spectacular recapture of the rail hub of Korosten Wednesday. Aiming toward the first plunge out of Soviet territory, they pushed forward impetuously on the heels of a bitterly resisting but exhausted enemy.

Shipyard Layoff

VANCOUVER (CP)—First major layoff in Vancouver plants doing sub-contract work for steel shipyards will take place within two weeks, it was learned today, with about 130 employees of Leck & Co. Ltd. handling slipfitting work for North Van Ship Repairs and other yards in British Columbia to be laid off.

The move is a direct result of the slowdown in freighter launchings to 100 days. All Vancouver yards will be on the slowed schedule after the New Year, and further layoffs may be necessary in subsidiary industries.



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Freed of Murder Of 27 Years Ago

MONTREAL (CP)—The Quebec Court of Appeal today freed Luigi Stabile, 60-year-old farmer and father of 12 children, of a charge of murdering his brother-in-law 27 years ago, bringing to an end one of the strangest trials in Canadian legal history.

The Appeal Court was unanimous in upholding the appeal brought by Stabile after a court of King's Bench jury had convicted him last September, and he had been sentenced to be hanged Jan. 14 for the murder of Carmelo Festa.

The trial was unique in Canadian jurisprudence, not only because it came 27 years after the disappearance of Festa but also because the cause of death was not established, no motive was introduced at the trial and all the evidence was circumstantial.

Stabile was arrested a few days after discovery of a skeleton under the cellar of the farm house formerly occupied by himself and his family. The skeleton was identified by an old skull injury as that of Festa.

Congratulate British

LONDON (AP)—President Roosevelt and Premier Stalin have sent messages to Prime Minister Churchill, congratulating the British navy on sinking the German battleship Scharnhorst, 10 Downing Street announced.

Roosevelt's message said: "The sinking of the Scharnhorst has been great news to all of us. Congratulations to the Home Fleet."

Stalin's message said: "I send to you personally, and also to Fraser (Admiral Sir Bruce A. Fraser, commander-in-chief of the Home Fleet) and the valiant sailors of the Duke of York, my congratulations on this splendid blow, the sinking of the German battleship Scharnhorst."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Musical Art Society, Empress Hotel, Wednesday, Jan. 5, 1944, at 8:30 p.m., Chavchavadze, Russian pianist. Tickets at Fletcher Bros. Music Store: \$1.65, \$1.10. Reduction for members; men and women in uniform, 55c.

Nice selection of leather gloves, bags and belts for gifts. McMartin's, 716 Yates.

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Pilot of Canadian Plane Tells Story Of Biscay Battle

LONDON (CP)—The pilot of the Canadian Sunderland bomber which made the first attack on the Bay of Biscay in a naval air engagement in which the Germans also lost three destroyers was Lt. W. Y. Martin whose father lives in Toronto. It was learned today at R.C.A.F. headquarters here.

Owing to difficulties in communication it was expected to be a little while before complete details are available on the part played by Canadian fliers in the latest victory over Nazi sea marauders.

The British-Canadian sea and air strength was summoned to the scene by two U.S. navy fliers who first spotted a German flotilla of 11 destroyers in the Bay of Biscay and shadowed it for six hours.

The Americans who discovered the Nazi ships, apparently intending to form an escort for the blockade runner, were Lieut. Stuart D. Johnston and Ensign Hugh M. Greeley.

The destroyers were five to eight miles away from the plane when sighted at 9:20 a.m. Tuesday.

SIGNALLED BASE

"I immediately sent a signal to the base," said Johnston, "and received instructions to shadow. We did that for about six hours."

"After we first sighted them we kept coming in closer. They fired, but didn't hit us."

"Then the (British) cruisers (Glasgow and Enterprise) came up and opened fire on the destroyers and the destroyers turned tail right away. They were steaming westward as hard as they could go with the cruisers coming up behind them."

"The battle started at about 2 p.m. We could see the flashes of the guns and shells falling near the destroyers, but we didn't see any actually hit, as it was difficult to see. We stayed as long as we could before returning to our base, and altogether were in the air about 12 hours."

FIRST BOMB HIT

The German blockade runner, whose errand, apparently, accounted for the presence of the destroyers, was attacked Monday, and today the Czech pilot of one plane said he had scored a direct hit with his first bomb, crippling the vessel, and leaving it afire and sinking.

The action against the 11 Nazi destroyers was handled in its final stages by the two British cruisers with aerial support, and it was announced that three of the enemy ships had been sunk, and others had been damaged.

The Berlin radio claimed today the Germans had lost only one destroyer and two torpedo boats, while asserting submarines had sunk five British destroyers and damaged both cruisers. The Admiralty, however, had made no mention of any British destroyers being involved.

German AA's Use New Type Rocket

LONDON (CP)—German anti-aircraft defenses have added to their arsenal two new weapons—a multiple-exploding rocket and a new kind of flare—Canadian fliers back from Wednesday night's raid on Berlin reported today.

P.O. A. G. MacAuley, a Belleville, Ont., pilot, said he saw a rocket shell which seemed to explode, continue on its way, then explode again at various intervals.

The new flare was reported by WO J. T. Hill of Lloydminster, Sask. He said this flare was shot up from the ground in the usual way, but burned for only a few seconds instead of the customary 15 minutes as is the case with fighter flares sent up to illuminate attacking aircraft to fighter planes.

"I imagine it must have been a sort of bluff in order to put us off," Hill said, "as none of the fighters actually appeared."

Montrealer Charged With Killing Wife

NEW YORK (AP)—Louis Wolfe, 33, identified by police as a wealthy Montreal contractor, was charged today with beating his attractive, red-haired Viennese wife to death with a steel-weighted shoe in a Brooklyn hotel Wednesday night.

Assistant District Attorney Edward A. Heffernan said the wife, Paula Mona, 27, a radio singer and actress whom Wolfe married in Palestine 10 years ago, came to the United States only recently for a reunion with her husband after a month's separation.

"I thought she was unfaithful to me," Heffernan said Wolfe told him. "I thought maybe she had met somebody else on the boat."

Arraigned on a homicide charge, Wolfe was held without bail for a hearing Jan. 3.



DIRECTS U.S. RAILROADS—Maj.-Gen. C. F. Gross, chief of the U.S. army's transportation system, is in charge of operating the railroad lines of the U.S., taken over by the government a few days ago.

Germans Claim Battle of Biscay As Nazi Victory

By ROGER GREENE
LONDON (CP)—The German high command today sought to show that the Bay of Biscay battle, in which the Admiralty announced Wednesday, British sea and air forces sank a German blockade runner and three destroyers, was a German victory.

The Admiralty announced that in an engagement with 11 German destroyers, three were sunk and others damaged during a running battle while the British light cruisers Glasgow and Enterprise were damaged.

Late today, in its version, the German high command claimed the sinking of six British destroyers and damage to the Glasgow and Enterprise, one of which it said was set ablaze—all against the loss of one German destroyer and two motor torpedo boats sunk and other German craft damaged.

There was no official comment in London on the German claims. The British announcement made no reference to British destroyers accompanying the cruisers into the battle, or to participation by Nazi submarines, which the Germans credited with sinking all six of the British vessels.

In its first claim of a Nazi victory in a week of black losses for the Germans, beginning with the loss of the 26,000-ton battleship Scharnhorst, Berlin said another British destroyer had been sunk by German U-boats in the "Bay of Newfoundland Banks."

"The British thus deplore the loss of another seven destroyers, urgently needed for convoy duty," the communique said.

The BBC said that two German destroyers and a U-boat, damaged in the engagement during which the Scharnhorst was sunk, have been beached along the Norwegian coast.

Tito's Men Stab Into Northern Italy

LONDON (AP)—Yugoslav Partisans, boldly striking 25 miles into northern Italy, have destroyed a German transport column near Gorizia, on the railway extending southward to the Adriatic port of Trieste, Marshal Josip Broz (Tito) announced today.

The thrust into Italian territory which the Germans previously had claimed to have freed of all guerrilla opposition came with the announcement of new Partisan victories in Croatia, in which the provinces of Banja and Kordun were said to have been swept clean of German invaders.

The victories, which added new territory to hinterland areas estimated at 41,000 square miles—roughly one-third of all Yugoslavia—already liberated by Tito's armies, followed weeks of bitter fighting.

The communique was broadcast by the Free Yugoslav radio.

Big Mother Ship Serves Fairmiles

AN R.C.N. MOTHER SHIP (CP)—Royal Canadian Navy Fairmiles operate from this floating naval base in the Atlantic instead of from home ports, it was revealed for the first time today in a navy press release which described the mother ship as one of the largest vessels built in Canada to fly the white ensign.

The mother ship carries enough food, ammunition, fuel and spare parts to keep the fleet operating for months at a time. Almost half the ship's company comprises specialists, experts and artisans.

A huge lifting beam sling is used in lieu of drydock.

When the Fairmiles return from a patrol of convoy routes, they are taken over by the specialists, inspected, refueled and made ready for another search of areas where enemy submarines might be lurking.

Berlin Defences Feeble, Canadians Report On Raid

By LOUIS V. HUNTER
LONDON (CP)—The largest group of Canadian Lancasters and Halifaxes ever dispatched from British bases took part in the giant air blow at Berlin Wednesday night.

Returning Canadian airmen said they drew only feeble opposition from the weak defences and left the German capital shrouded in a veil of smoke more than three miles thick. Five Canadian bombers were lost, part of the night's losses of 20 aircraft.

The attack was made on the third anniversary of the Germans' vain attempt to set the City of London ablaze and dwarfed the biggest Nazi raids on the British capital.

Glow of fires and smoke curling up through thick clouds could be seen 100 to 150 miles away, P.O. W. G. Phillips of St. Lambert, Que., said the glare made a patch of light easily four square miles in extent.

"There is little doubt the bombing was successful, judging from the heavy fires," said P.O. S. R. W. Laine of Port Arthur.

"We could see the bright red glow of fires and thick smoke curling up through thick clouds at 12,000 feet, even when we were 100 miles from the target on the homeward journey."

NO HITS ON PLANE

"We ran into quite a barrage of heavy flak as we turned off the target," said P.O. E. M. Young of Nelson, B.C., a pilot on his third Berlin trip. "It was bursting right on our level, but although it rocked us a bit we floated right through without a scratch."

P.O. J. T. Hill of Lloydminster, Alta., midupper gunner, said that in spite of dense cloud it was the brightest target he had ever been over.

"The weather must have kept their fighters on the ground for we didn't see any fighter flares which they usually drop to light up the path of our attacking planes," he said.

Attacks by night fighters were reported by Phillips and P.O. G. F. Clarke of Summerville, B.C.

The Lion and Bison squadrons of the R.C.A.F. were led personally by Wing Cmdr. R. S. Turnbull of Gowan, Ont., and Wing Cmdr. J. D. Pattison of Toronto.

Canadian air crew in the raid included P.O. E. Gargette of Medicine Hat, Alta.; Sgt. G. B. Square of Waseca, Sask.; Flt. Sgt. S. A. Wick of Conquest, Sask.; P.O. H. Warkentin of Beausejour, Man.; Flt. Sgt. W. H. Ostlund of Midale, Sask.; Flt. Sgt. E. Gruninger of Sunnybrook, Alta.; P.O. A. G. Jira of Calder, Sask.; Sgt. F. J. N. Scott of Winnipeg, and Flt. Sgt. D. W. McPhee of Vancouver.

How one navy boy, far from home, feels about the comforts provided by the Navy League, is told in a letter received today by Capt. R. W. McMurray from P.O. C. W. Reid.

"My home is in Belfast, North Ireland, and this was my first Christmas away from home," Red wrote. "Last year I was lucky enough to get a few days from my ship, and was thus able to spend a couple of days in Belfast."

"This is to thank the Navy League for the trouble you have taken to make this Christmas a real Christmas for me, although I am some thousands of miles from home. I know my boys in the services appreciate the thoughts behind your gifts as much as the gifts themselves."

"Although I have only been in the service a little over a year, I have seen much action, having been in all the north African campaigns during the last year or so, and having to swim for it once. I pray every day that this war may be over soon, and that we may be spared to go back home again and live our own small life. Of course, being only 21 years old, I'm not married, but became engaged to a girl called Colleen when last home on leave—just one reason why I want to get this war over with as quickly as possible."

Engaged to Colleen, Sailor Here Wants War Over Soon

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"Although I have only been in the service a little over a year, I have seen much action, having been in all the north African campaigns during the last year or so, and having to swim for it once. I pray every day that this war may be over soon, and that we may be spared to go back home again and live our own small life. Of course, being only 21 years old, I'm not married, but became engaged to a girl called Colleen when last home on leave—just one reason why I want to get this war over with as quickly as possible."

6 U.S. Fliers Missing

SEATTLE (AP)—The 13th U.S. Naval District staff headquarters today listed two officers and four men in a large naval plane missing after taking off from the naval air station on Whidbey Island, in Puget Sound, Dec. 26. Search was abandoned Wednesday night.

NEW YORK (AP)—Special devices will be placed on all Hungarian public telephones by government order to limit calls to five minutes. The Budapest radio said in a broadcast recorded today by U.S. government monitors.

Eisenhower, Tedder, Montgomery To Start Invasion Talks Soon

By ROSS MUNRO
LONDON (CP)—A new series of action conferences is expected to be held in England shortly attended by all the leaders of the Allied Western European invasion forces to put 11th-hour touches on the master plan for the mammoth, combined operation from Britain.

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, the commander-in-chief; Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Tedder, his deputy, and Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, commander of the British group of armies under Eisenhower, probably will be back in England before long. This "Victory Trio," which never has been beaten, will get down to actual work with Admiral Sir Bertram Ramsay and Air Chief Marshal Trafford L. Leigh-Mallory, whose appointment as Allied naval and air commanders, respectively, was announced Wednesday.

It is understood that western invasion headquarters, set up many months ago, now are running smoothly with huge staff and advisory bodies practically completed. Similarly, British army group headquarters, which likely will direct operations for a British Army, has been established. A United States army group organization possibly is ready, too, for the still-unannounced United States field commander.

CANADA REPRESENTED

There are several Canadian officers on the invasion headquarters staff and the Canadian Army also is represented at army group headquarters.

The big invasion chiefs will settle down to their task immediately they arrive and the tempo of invasion preparations will accelerate until the fateful day when landing craft bump the enemy beaches.

Training of infantry and armored forces for specific but highly secret tasks is well advanced. Naval and air forces ticketed for the invasion also are in the last phases of invasion manoeuvres.

Vague supplies for the gigantic expeditionary force will be gathered and a huge fleet of ships to carry the troops to the continent as well as warships to protect the convoys and support landings will be collected at many secret points. Britain indeed is becoming one huge combined operations base.

Final disposition of the invader forces depends to a large degree on German moves between now and D-day. Both sides are trying to outguess one another in the greatest military chess games in the world, with victory in Europe as the stake.

JOB FOR ROMMEL

There are indications that Field Marshal Erwin Rommel will be the Germans' supreme anti-invasion commander, assisted by Field Marshal Karl von Rundstedt, who commanded in northern France at the time of the Canadian Dieppe action Aug. 19, 1942, and since held a high appointment on his staff. Against them the Allied invasion command will be the location of the German forces—approximately 300 field divisions—and their future development.

At the moment western Europe is held by about 47 divisions, 40 in France and the Netherlands and seven in Norway. There are nearly 197 on the Russian front, 25 in Italy—with 10 in the line facing the 15th Army Group—8 in the Balkans and seven in Finland.

During the last two years, German divisions have become smaller and fewer than the former strength of 15,000 men. The strategic reserve which Hitler hitherto held behind the front now is believed to have practically disappeared.

NO TRAINED RESERVES

Thus there is no great reserve of trained manpower to stem the Russian advances, cope with Marshal Joseph Broz (Tito) Balkan Partisan army of 250,000 meet the pressure of the 8th and 5th Armies in Italy and prepare to face western invasion.

However, it is likely more divisions will be switched to the west to meet what German military writers have stated will be a 50-division assault by the Allied forces. The truth of this estimate will be shown only when the Allied attack goes in.

How much confidence German troops would have fighting for Rommel in the west is doubtful. Apart from the flashy successful campaign in the Western Desert with the Africa Corps, he has not won a battle in a year and a half. However, he is considered the German specialist on Anglo-American strategy and he has fought most of the Allied leaders who will oppose him.

ALLIES CONFIDENT

On the Allied side, the invasion troops have supreme and unshakable confidence in Eisen-

hower, Tedder and Montgomery. Among British and Canadian troops Montgomery's name stands particularly high because they firmly believe he would never send them into battle where they had no more than an even fighting chance. Despite his spectacular manner, Montgomery is extremely cautious and does not attack until the last detail is ready—from rations to preliminary barrages and air support.

Slaght Prepares Evidence For War Crimes Trials

OTTAWA (CP)—Arthur G. Slaght, K.C., Liberal member of Parliament for Parry, Sound, Ont., has been appointed honorary counsel to the Canadian government on war crimes questions, it was announced today on behalf of Prime Minister King.

With the assistance of a government interdepartmental committee he will collect evidence available in Canada on atrocities and other war crimes—particularly those involving Canadians with a view to preparing cases for trial at the proper time.

The statement from the external affairs department today said that in the appointment of Mr. Slaght, "the government will have the benefit of the advice of counsel in the examination of the evidence which may be available of such crimes committed against Canadian nationals and members of the armed forces."

STUDIES EVIDENCE

Mr. Slaght, a distinguished Toronto criminal lawyer, is already at work making a study of evidence collected by the Department of External Affairs. There is no official information available as to what war crimes against Canadians may result in the trial of enemy nationals.

It is believed, however, that if the persons responsible can be identified and located, some of the acts committed against Canadian troops by the Japanese, following the capture of Hong Kong, may form the basis of war crime prosecutions after the war.

The work of Mr. Slaght and the inter-departmental committee, of which John Read, legal officer of the External Affairs Department, is chairman, will be in the nature of a preliminary investigation to determine what charges should be made, and prepare evidence to support them.

Canned Salmon To Be Rationed On Meat Coupons

OTTAWA (CP)—The Prices Board has announced that rationing of canned salmon will begin Jan. 17.

The announcement said salmon available will be packed in one-quarter, one-half and one-pound tins and will be put on coupon ration at the rate of one-quarter of a pound of salmon per coupon.

Valid meat coupons in ration books and cards will be used for purchase of the commodity and salmon thus will become an alternative for rationed meats.

The board said 300,000 cases of canned salmon have been made available for the civilian market.

Negotiations for the supply were made between the board, the canners, the British Ministry of Food and the Department of Fisheries and a portion of the 1943 pack was allotted for civilian consumption.

"Because canned salmon has been absent from store shelves for two years and because the supply is limited, it has been decided rationing will be the only fair method of distribution," the board said.

Under the board's equitable distribution plan retailers will be supplied in proportion to the volume of canned salmon they purchased from their suppliers in 1941. It was noted, however, that due to distribution problems there is no guarantee each retailer will have his supply by Jan. 17.

Officials emphasized that canned pilchards, tuna fish, herrings and sardines are not on the ration.

Stolen Bonds Returned

HALIFAX (CP)—Police here are puzzling their wits over a mysterious "phantom" who stole about \$1,500 worth of Victory Bonds and war savings stamps from the General Electric Company office last week-end and later returned all except \$204 in unstamped packages.

Tuesday, \$175 in war savings stamps and some company papers turned up in the mail and Wednesday another package with \$1,100 in bonds was spotted by postal workers. Printed on the back of the parcels were the scrawled words "From the Phantom," but no explanation for the sudden twinges of conscience.

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Republicans Say Roosevelt Prepares To Run for 4th Term

WASHINGTON (AP)—The consensus of political Washington today appeared to be that President Roosevelt is a candidate for a fourth term on a platform promising to win the war and then to link the economic and military future of the United States with that of other nations.

That was the deliberative Republican interpretation of Mr. Roosevelt's news conference action Tuesday in laying at rest the New Deal for a win-the-war program, in warning against economic and military isolation after the war, and in outlining a program of proposed postwar expansion in security, employment, recreation, education, health and housing.

Some high-ranking Democrats agreed privately with this view, and Senator Carl Hatch (Dem., N.M.), went so far as to reiterate publicly his prediction that if the war is still on, Mr. Roosevelt will be renominated and re-elected.

BOUCHERVILLE, Que. (CP)—Louis Joseph Tarte, former president of the Montreal newspaper La Patrie, died suddenly at his home here today. He was 71.

Son of Hon. J. Israel Tarte, journalist and publisher who served as Minister of Public Works in the Laurier cabinet, Mr. Tarte was a director of the Quebec Power Company and the Montreal Exhibition Company, president of La Paradienne Shoe Company and administrator of Sainte Jeanne d'Arc Hospital for several years.

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4 Children Perish As Quebec Home Burns
ST. LAMBERT, Que. (CP)—Four children of Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Lansing were burned to death here early today when their home was destroyed by fire. The mother received severe leg lacerations when she climbed over the veranda railing on the second story and jumped to the ground. Lansing suffered from shock. The dead: Robert, 13; John, 12; Wayne, six, and Linda, four. Police said Mrs. Lansing had Linda in her arms when she came out on the veranda, but the child became frightened and ran back into the house. They found her body in front of a window, near a stairway, they said.

French Saboteurs Wreck Coast Railway
BARCELONA (AP)—French saboteurs have wrecked the main German Atlantic coast railway line near the town of Pons, north of Bordeaux, reports reaching Barcelona said today. The sabotage was carried out Dec. 27 and was not discovered until the Bordeaux-Paris express, which turns north at Pons, crashed into a freight train which already had been derailed, the reports said. One person was said to have been killed and 12 injured.

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Big, New Racket Found Preying On Fighters' Dependents

By JAMES THRASHER
WASHINGTON — Throughout the country today the postman is being trailed on his appointed rounds by individuals and organized gangs engaged in a front porch campaign of thievery. The campaign is a growing racket launched by the flood of government checks to servicemen's dependents. And it has given the U.S. Secret Service a full-sized job.

These thieves, amateurs as well as old-timers, rifle rural mail boxes, force the locks of boxes in city apartments, or stealthily pinch the official looking envelopes from the insecure mail boxes that grace the fronts of so many private dwellings. Nobody knows the amount of their haul, but Secret Service expects that it will have investigated close to 30,000 forgery cases by the end of the year.

In the fiscal year 1944, some 75,000,000 checks will be sent to dependents in monthly installments. Millions more will go for bond redemptions, subsidy, Social Security and other similar payments. In all, the government will issue more than 300,000,000 checks during the year, and the majority of them will go through the mails.

EASY TO CASH
Most cheque stealing is done by youngsters between 17 and 21. Their temptation is great and their initial risk is small, because, as a veteran forgerly convict told Secret Service, "the easiest part of stealing government checks is getting them cashed."

The cashing is usually done in stores, where the cheque is offered in payment of a small purchase. And the forger usually gets away with it, Secret Service has found, because many storekeepers and employees naively believe that since the government is solvent, it doesn't matter particularly who endorses the government cheque.

A shining example of this mercantile guilelessness was found here in Washington. A 19-year-old War Department mail room employee stole and cashed cheques amounting to \$3,500. And though one of these cheques was made out to a major, and another to a Chinese, the boy cashed them with no trouble.

SUCCESSFUL SYSTEM
Of course, some of the cheque thieves are pretty artful in the matter of identification. One of the most prevalent dodges is to go to a Social Security board and get a card made out in the name of the stolen cheque's payee. The store employee checks the names on the card and the cheque, sees that the physical description on the card tallies with that of the bearer, and pays off.

Occasionally a cheque snatcher will take other mail besides the cheque—perhaps a utility bill, which some even go so far as to pay in order to have a receipted bill as identification. But it is the store that pays off in the end. The payee may be inconvenienced, but he finally gets his money if he can prove that he did not participate in the forgery or benefit from the proceeds. The government collects from the Federal Reserve system; the Federal Reserve collects from the member bank; the bank collects from the depositor who was unlucky or foolish enough to cash the cheque.

WARNINGS ARE ISSUED
Secret Service, beside tracking and catching the criminals, is fighting the cheque-stealing epidemic with an education program all down the line. Army and Navy papers urge servicemen to write home and tell the family to safeguard their dependency cheques. In the same envelopes with cheques are these specific recommendations: Have someone at home, if possible, when the cheque is expected. Equip your mail box with an effective lock. Arrange with the postman to signal you on one doorknob when he delivers the cheque.

As for merchants and their employers, Secret Service has started a high-powered "Know Your Endorser" campaign. The fact is that no identification is foolproof for cheque-cashing purposes. But Secret Service recommends asking for their Selective Service cards, and women for their ration books.

Japanese Propaganda
NEW YORK (AP)—Japan in 1944 will launch "an all-out offensive to drive the last vestige of Anglo-American influence from greater east Asia," Sadao Iguchi, Japanese propagandist, declared in a Tokyo broadcast today. The broadcast, recorded by the U.S. Office of War Information, said Japan had devoted her first year of war to "winning limitless resources," and the second to "winning political solidification." A Berlin broadcast said the Japanese in 1943 had "adhered to defensive tactics" militarily.

Canadian Fliers Unshackled By Nazi Guards in Prison Camp



Shackled since Dieppe, these Canadian airmen in the R.A.F. were finally freed of their chains. No reason for this action by their German captors was revealed, but the fliers look much happier in this photo, taken in a prison camp near the old Polish border. In the back row are, left to right: W. Milligan, Winnipeg; R. Reid, Maymont, Sask.; R. Carlson,

Vinnipeg; F. Needham; Meadow Lake, Sask.; and W. R. h. Leamington, Ont. (double row): G. Anderson, Vancouver; J. Stocks, Penticton, B.C.; Angus Dewar, Toronto; H. Corbisley, Penticton, B.C.; Howard Vey, Victoria, B.C.; A. Dowkins, Victoria; N. Brown, Toronto; G. Habbick, Seaford, Ont.; L. Torrance, Elrose, Sask.; J. Shaver, Bourlambaque,

Que.; G. Simonson, Kingman, Alta.; J. Morrison, Pembroke, Ont.; J. Gilmour, Strathmore, Sask.; William Gammon, Sarnia, Ont.; Edward Bird, Toronto, and E. Christian, Vancouver. (Kneeling): W. Waterworth, Banff, Alta.; D. McKay, Swift Current, Sask.; L. Calles, Roblin, Man.; Bill Garnet, Tor.; W. Jones, St. Catharines; Bill Pearce, To-

ronto; A. McArthur, London, and P. Wait, Vancouver. Front row (sitting): L. Kidd, Kerrobert, Sask.; D. Skovron, Nipawin, Sask.; W. Clark, Vancouver; K. Piper, Ladner, B.C.; H. Hart, Vancouver, and F. Stapleton, Victoria. The photo was sent by Warrant Officer Arthur Frewar to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Dewar, Toronto.

Jap Centres, Ships Bombed in China

CHUNGKING (AP)—Japanese installations and shipping in French Indo-China and in the Tungting Lake area of Central China were bombed without loss, it was announced today.

In a raid of 36 Japanese planes on a forward base in China Monday, United States fliers destroyed four Zeros, probably destroyed five others, and damaged two more. One U.S. plane was shot down.

A 1,200-ton river vessel was sunk near Hwajung in the Tungting Lake rice bowl area and buildings were strafed on the Paolich airfield. Two locomotives north of Yochow were destroyed. Shipping near Chinchow was attacked Tuesday and a 200-foot cargo vessel was sunk and two 175-foot ships were set afire. One listed heavily; the other was believed beached. Five warehouses near Yochow were hit by bombs despite heavy ground fire.

Japanese barracks at Phy Tho in Indo-China were strafed Monday and four buildings were destroyed. Rail equipment and Red River shipping was shot up. At Dong Cuong the bombers destroyed heavy equipment working on airfield runways and strafed the railway station.

Today's WAR NEWS Analysis

By WILLIAM FRYE
If Admiral Karl Doenitz has resigned his command of the German navy it probably marks just about the last gasp of Hitler's military leadership by intuition.

Russian sources, reporting his resignation—actual or imminent—as a result of the sinking of the battleship Scharnhorst by the British Home Fleet, also tell of a widening breach between Hitler and his top generals.

That breach is a peculiar one, healed for their own purposes by the generals, who don't like Hitler but can't spare him. There was a time when Hitler, riding high and rolling far into Russia, got rid of a number of the old army men. Some of them have been back for quite a while, and the stars of others are rising.

There is considerable evidence that the Prussian officers of the Junker class, the core of German military tradition, are once again in full control of the army. Hitler remains the titular commander-in-chief, because he is still a symbol in the minds of the German masses. But the officer caste—the Junkers, not the upstarts—runs the army.

They hope, of course, to hold out for a negotiated peace that will leave the officer corps virtu-

Air Base Problem Biggest Issue For Britain, U.S.

BOSTON (AP)—In a frankly "British view" of postwar aviation, Peter Masfield writes in the January Atlantic Monthly that "undoubtedly the biggest issue between Great Britain and the United States today is that of air bases."

Masfield is personal adviser on civil aviation to Lord Beaverbrook, who has been named by Prime Minister Churchill to formulate a postwar air policy for Britain.

In his copyright article, Masfield speaks specifically of the bases which the United States holds for military purposes on 99-year leases from Britain. He wrote: "My personal opinion—and all the opinions expressed here are of course entirely unofficial and only my own interpretation—is that whereas the bases, under the terms of the lease, will naturally continue as bulwarks of American strategic defence, their sovereignty belongs unquestionably to the peoples in whose countries they are built."

Masfield says that "obviously many recently built air bases throughout the world are mutually necessary to United States and the British Commonwealth for national defence." But air commerce, he argues, "is a separate thing," a subject "which can be dealt with only in the whole broad issue of freedom of the air."

The problem is made more complex, Masfield says, by the American construction on British territory, such as those in Bermuda, Jamaica and Trinidad.

'There's No Place Like Home'



Though their fields be littered with wrecked machinery of war and their houses reduced to rubble or bare skeletons, inhabitants of areas from which the Nazi invaders have been driven return with eager steps to resume living as normally as possible. Photo above shows a family of Russian peasants returning to their destroyed village after its liberation by the Red Army. At right, an Italian family, all smiles despite their plight, salvage what belongings they can from the rubble that fills street in Castel de Sangro after Germans were driven out by Allied 8th Army.



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Gilla, Norman Montague, Sgt., New Westminster, B.C.
Grant, Leslie Kenneth Alexander, PO, Vancouver, B.C.
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Sturges, Gerald Lee, Sgt., Grande Prairie, Alta.
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Christensen, Carlyle George, PO, St. George, N.B.
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DIED FROM NATURAL CAUSES
Webb, Maurice Edgar, Sgt., London, Ont.

Tons of Mail Sent To Canadians at Front
OTTAWA (CP)—Flying Fortresses of the R.C.A.F.'s overseas airmail service flew eight tons of mail to the United Kingdom up to Christmas Eve, air force headquarters have announced. Designated for members of the three services, a large portion of the mail-load was rerouted from the landing point in Scotland to the Mediterranean theatre. The Fortresses will carry mail from servicemen to Canada on return flights.

Nazi Naval Claim
LONDON (CP)—A German propaganda agency broadcast heard here today claimed five British destroyers were sunk in the Bay of Biscay engagement in which the Admiralty reported Wednesday three German destroyers were sunk. The Admiralty announcement said that two British light cruisers—H.M.S. Glasgow and H.M.S. Enterprise—suffered minor damage in the running battle.

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Regulations Against May 1 Evictions

OTTAWA (CP)—A spokesman for the real property administration of the Prices Board said the government shortly will take action designed to overcome the situation created in some war-crowded cities where a number of eviction notices have been served on tenants for May 1. He said the housing situation was acute in some cities and that it was necessary some action be taken, since the situation was an emergent one.

(In a newspaper story today the Montreal Gazette said it had learned "from reliable sources" that the government intends to freeze the leases of all tenants who were in their present homes at the start of the war. The paper said the freeze order was aimed at relieving acute housing shortages.)

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Toronto Election News

TORONTO (CP)—The Toronto Board of Control has authorized City Clerk J. W. Somers to continue supplying progressive election results to Toronto newspapers during and immediately after the municipal election here New Year's Day. Controller Lewis Duncan, a majority candidate, had asked why this system was followed when legally it was necessary only for the city clerk to supply the results by noon of the second day following the election.

H. P. McCraney Funeral

VANCOUVER (CP)—Funeral service will be held Friday for Hiram P. McCraney, old-time Vancouver resident who died Tuesday, aged 84. In the '80s he was employed in construction of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway on Vancouver Island and subsequently spent 10 years as collector of inland revenue at Rosland, B.C.

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Germany's Setting Sun

BRITISH MIGHT IN THE AIR AND ON the seas has written one epilogue for 1943 in which Adolf Hitler and his intimate colleagues in crime may at last detect the writing on the wall. But the two naval victories and the latest "saturation" raid on Berlin by no means represent all the bitterness of the final chapter of the fast-waning hours of the old year. In the vitally important Kiev bulge area, the incredible Russians are almost back where they were six weeks ago—a spectacular advance which obviously took them too far westward before they had time to consolidate their newly-won positions and assemble supplies requisite to hold them.

Not only is Korosten back in the hands of General Nikolai Vatutin's First Ukrainian Army; it is also highly probable that by the time this is read the even more important railway centre of Zhitomir again will have fallen to our valiant ally. What must be especially galling to the Nazi high command, however, is the plain fact the vast amount of manpower and armor which Marshal von Manstein threw into his attempt to regain Kiev, and re-establish himself on the line of the Dnieper, is irretrievably lost.

Nor does it seem likely that this capable German general will be able to present his Fuehrer with much hope of any further offensive operations on Russian soil. Then, too, the enemy stronghold of Vitebsk appears to be doomed, a circumstance which has a direct bearing on the fate of all Nazi forces in the northern sector of the eastern front. With their fortunes, of course, is linked the future of Finland. Down in the southeastern corner of the Dnieper's elbow, moreover, Marshal Stalin's men continue to exert pressure which is synchronizing with the western movement elsewhere.

Small wonder then as the curtain goes up on fighting daily getting nearer the Latvian, Polish and Rumanian borders—not to mention the progress of events in Italy and the preparations for a western invasion—that Herr Doktor Goebbels should refer to 1944 as "a dangerous year in which the fate of civilized mankind is once more at stake," and that "we do not deny that the enemy has caused us much difficulty and will do so also in the future." But the little man is merely whistling to keep up his courage when he winds up his year-end review with the fantastic assertion that "the enemy has not succeeded in depriving Germany of the essential economic and military positions... which German armad force had conquered by its past great victories for German security... for the final victory."

Was it because the Third Reich felt so secure that Grand Admiral Karl Doenitz sent out the ill-fated Scharnhorst to destroy a Russian-bound convoy, or 10 destroyers into the Atlantic to bring in a blockade-runner laden with precious supplies for the Nazi war machine—and lost three of them and the cargo vessel as well? And what says the Herr Doktor about Berlin today?

Was Mr. Bracken Consulted?

ONE ITEM OF BUSINESS TO WHICH it is hoped the parliamentary committee on radio will address itself in due course is the Bracken speech which the CBC proscribed in its original form. Latest advices from Ottawa indicate that the alterations suggested by the national radio system's acting general manager, Dr. Augustin Frigon, were minor in character, and that their elimination would not have impaired the effectiveness of the address. But if it is true that officials of the Progressive Conservative Party in the capital did not submit the proposed changes to their leader, but promptly used the CBC's objection as a vehicle for anti-government propaganda, it is time the public knew about it. We hold no brief for the Dominion's radio organization, its operations leave much to be desired, but no fair-minded Canadian will approve a flagrant political manoeuvre to aggravate still further an unsatisfactory state of affairs within the structure of a nationally-owned utility.

If Mr. Bracken really wants to measure up to the responsibilities which he assumed a trifle more than a year ago, he might well begin with a clarifying statement on the subject of the speech to which we have alluded. At least, he could be fair with the Canadian public and tell it whether he was consulted about the changes the CBC required to meet its policy requirements, or whether the party's publicity experts in Ottawa succumbed to the temptation to make political hay. It will not do for the Progressive Conservative leader to ignore this issue as if it were of no importance. The electorate of this country, and particularly his own supporters, have the right to know whether the man who aspires to the post now held by Mr. MacKenzie King is capable of deciding vital matters of policy for himself, or whether he is being "run" by elements who assume to voice his views without consultation. And when does Mr. Bracken intend to look for a seat in the House of Commons?

Many a person thinks he is repenting of his sin when he is only sorry he shamed himself.

Canada's Chief Justice

THE RETIREMENT AT OTTAWA OF Canada's Chief Justice, Sir Lyman P. Duff, after nearly 40 years on the Bench, recalls the fact that it was here in Victoria he set himself to the professional career in which he was destined to attain such eminence. He was one of a group of young Ontario men who at the end of last century heeded the call of opportunity in this "last west" which had been made accessible by the completion of the C.P.R.

Victoria was then a thriving centre for barristers and solicitors. The court lists in those days were heavy with mining, railway and other pioneer litigation. Young Mr. Duff became a junior partner in the firm which included Theodore Davis, at one time Premier of this province, and Gordon Hunter, who later became Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of British Columbia. Afterwards he went into partnership with E. V. Bodwell, K.C., and the law firm of Bodwell and Duff soon acquired a lucrative practice. Mr. Duff's brilliance at the bar attracted the attention of Ottawa, with the result that when the international arbitration commission was set up to settle the 36-year-old dispute over the boundary line between Alaska and British Columbia, he was named junior counsel for Canada. In 1904 his ability again brought him recognition with his appointment as a Justice of the Supreme Court of British Columbia. Two years later, when a vacancy developed on the Supreme Court of Canada, it was decided that the west should be recognized. The choice fell on Mr. Justice Duff. He was then only 41, but had attained the pinnacle of his profession. Victorians have since watched with a particular interest and pride the flowering of a career which began in their city.

The tributes now being paid in the east to Sir Lyman will be endorsed by Victorians who knew him as a fellow townsman. It is well said that he belongs to a small group of the elect among Canadian judges. Both on and off the Bench he has been known for his studious ways, his fine understanding, his unusual interests, his kindly nature and his great knowledge. The legal profession always has regarded his opinions as models of clarity, sound reasoning and judicial wisdom. He has guarded above all else the ethics of his profession, the independence of the Bench and the integrity of the judiciary. His has truly been an illustrious career.

Milk Problem

FROM OTTAWA COMES WORD THAT the educational propaganda of health authorities aimed at inducing people to drink more milk has been getting results. So much so, that reinforced by the greater wartime buying power of the public, the increased consumption of milk has become a problem. It is stated that before winter is over a decision may have to be reached as to whether there will be less fluid milk for Canadians or less of other dairy products, such as butter and cheese, for consumers in Canada as well as in Britain.

Fluid milk as a beverage takes about 22 per cent of all milk produced in Canada. The rest goes into butter, cheese, manufactured milk and stock feed. The number of milk cows for the country as a whole has increased, but the feed situation is such that not only will further increase to meet the demands be difficult, but an actual decrease in the months ahead is probable. At the recent agricultural planning conference in Ottawa, the view was expressed that Canada had about reached the peak in milk production, as feed will not be available for further increase.

Despite rationing, Canadians are using more butter than before the war, some 3,000,000 pounds a month more than in 1941, and that has required more milk. But at the same time Britain is calling for more cheese and manufactured milk and larger quantities are needed for Red Cross parcels to prisoners. Somewhere there will have to be curtailment and most probably, and logically, the domestic fluid milk market will be called on to make the sacrifice. Consumers in Canada have been fortunate so far in getting milk without restrictions and at a low stabilized price. Because of the high value of milk in a diet, any necessary restriction will be a matter of regret for health reasons, especially as the public has at last awakened to an appreciation of the place of milk as a food.

Big Bertha Rocket

ORDNANCE EXPERTS SAY THE NAZIS have a superrocket with which they could bombard England from across the Channel. But they confirm the first opinion of many laymen who feel that such a weapon will have no real effect upon the ultimate course of the war. In 1917, the Germans sprang a surprise with Big Bertha, the gun that dropped shells into Paris from an incredible distance, about 75 miles. A few civilians were killed needlessly, some cultural and religious buildings were destroyed sacrilegiously, but that was all. In all probability this will be the story of the new rocket gun, if there is one. Such a weapon, artillery authorities say, cannot be used accurately. It can only serve to add to the long indictment against the Nazis for wanton disregard of every decency.

When people complain of ingratitude, it is usually because they expect a dollar's worth of gratitude for a dime favor.

The Winnipeg Tribune, Mr. Bracken's first and most ardent supporter, has come to the conclusion that he should proceed to seek a seat in the House of Commons so that he may give his party the benefit of his leadership where it will be most effective. If he delays much longer, there is the possibility that people will come to regard him as more organizer-at-large than actual leader.

Bruce Hutchison

OLD STORY
AT THIS SEASON it is the invariable custom of this reporter to prune his little orchard; and after the political pruning of Ottawa, after the ill-shapen trees of politics, it is a relief beyond description to find the orchard trees still sleek, clean and happy in their winter sleep.

All that follows here today has been said before every year. I always record the same facts at this season. But bear with me a little for, after all, the year's pruning is a pretty solemn event, one of the gardening sacraments which must always be celebrated, and with proper reverence.

For, mark you, the pruning of a large and established apple tree is a serious responsibility. Its whole health, productive powers and future life depend upon the pruner. He can ruin it with too much pruning or not enough. By cutting it too hard he can stimulate it into sudden and rank growth, so that it exhausts itself like a well-bred horse. Or he can leave it unpruned and presently it will sprout in all directions and resemble nothing so much as a giant bird's nest, useless for producing apples.

THE YOUNG

BUT IF THE preservation of the aged trees is a definite social obligation on the orchardist, how much more solemn is his duty to the young! This is a problem in parental responsibility which must make the most callous man pause and consider.

There is the young tree, a year out of the nursery, a tiny, frail child of perhaps half a dozen tiny branches. There is the infant which can grow, with proper feeding, pruning and spraying into a great giant of long life, a tree which may produce apples for 100 years and still bear its spring blossom and its autumn goodness in some tiny brick courtyard at the rear of the modern tenements which will march across Saanich and cover the entire landscape in the great era of socialism and progress now opening before us.

To preserve the tree for such a future, to make sure that the socialized cliff dwellers of the tenements, in a well-managed world, still will know what an apple tree used to look like (long after apples are made synthetically in factories, fortified with extra vitamins and built to exact size, color and flavor)—to make sure that the happy inhabitants of this land a century hence can still see one surviving apple tree as a mere curiosity, a quaint survival of the wicked old days before the state ran everything, is a worthy task.

It must be approached with a surgeon's knowledge. Most trees, alas, are pruned in their youth by men who know nothing of a tree's anatomy and I confess that in my time I have ruined half a dozen good lives, cutting into them as a surgeon might do without even a high school course in anatomy.

The twig wrongly severed today can never be replaced. The surplus limb left uncut will grow into a disfiguring member, will overbalance the tree, crowd its centre, shut out its sunshine and finally, in a high wind, will break off and tear out the tree's very heart.

HE PONDERS

THEREFORE, an orchardist stands poised, like a good surgeon, before the little patient, his pruning shears under control. He walks around and around the tree. He tries to imagine its shape 10 years hence and 100 years hence when his own shape will be hardly recognizable. He ponders each individual twig. He considers each tiny bud. He can hardly bring himself to apply the clippers but eventually it must be done. So finally, clenching his teeth and offering up a little prayer, he lops the little branch and then, invariably, is convinced that he has ruined the tree for life. It is a long time before he can bring himself to snip again.

And it always turns out, no matter how many books he reads in the art, no matter what advice he takes, no matter what care he uses, or what prayers he utters, he always does it wrong. I have yet to find in all my travels through the orchards of the interior any tree which any expert would pronounce perfect. Someone always made a mistake. There is no more a perfect tree than a perfect human being.

However, it is nice work when you have settled yourself to it, when you no longer let the afternoon's pruning keep you awake all night. It is the season when the hills are blue, when the naked oak limbs are like the tracery of cathedral windows against the sky, when white seagulls scream across the brown earth behind the plowman, when the sun catches the winter green of the mossy rocks, when the red berries shine like jewels and the red bulbs are snorting—the season when the gardener does his best work and his best thinking and the land is at peace.

And when you hear the snip of the clippers and see an ungainly fellow tottering on a flimsy ladder you will know that a master physician is at work building healthy lives for the long future, blossoms for unknown springs, ripe fruit for autumns when he has returned to the earth.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q—What New Testament connection is there with Patmos, Dodecanese island recently taken by the Nazis?
A—St. John wrote his Revelations there.

Q—What outstanding event in French history occurred in Rouen, city recently bombed by the British?
A—Joan of Arc, French heroine, was burned at the stake there.

Q—Why have bears and wolves become an increasing menace against the flocks of Norwegian farmers?
A—Nazis have stripped Norwegians of all firearms, hence they cannot protect their sheep.

High Praise For Canada

From The London Times

Canada has had the vision to realize that her magnificent resources should be at the disposal of all nations fighting to achieve the common purpose and in that spirit has joined in cutting out what President Roosevelt once called the dollar sign. More than dollars are now subject to exaction. There is another reason for Canadian participation in the new agreement. As a producer of Allied war supplies she ranks first after the three Great Power belligerents. Despite her relatively small population her place is now among the world's great industrial nations. Her contribution to the war in men runs into hundreds of thousands, and observers have noted the perfect equipment of the Canadian troops now fighting in the Mediterranean. Yet such has been the development of her industries that about a third of their output suffices to meet the needs of her own forces. This development of her national economy should assure to Canada a great future both in her own continent and in the world at large. Her action now in using all she has for the common good sets an example which should not fail of its effect when reconstruction comes to be faced.

COUNTIES SOON FREE OF DEBT

From Owen Sound Sun-Ti

Everybody likes to receive interest on his money, but we have yet to meet the person who enjoys paying it. Taxpayers are no exception to that rule. Residents of Grey and Bruce counties will therefore be particularly pleased by the fact that they will soon be free of the necessity of paying interest on debentures. Bruce County paid off its last outstanding debenture Dec. 20 of this year. It will be a little longer before Grey County is out of debt. The last debenture is not due until Aug. 1, 1951, but there will be sufficient in the sinking fund to meet this payment in a couple of years' time.

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SIR WILFRID LAURIER, 1917

An invitation to a wedding made the settlers forget their troubles in a jiffy. Even those not asked to the big doings heartily about them through the "grape-vine" system, which worked just as well then as now. Before the ministers began to make their circuits, every betrothed pair had to get a magistrate to publish their banns and to marry them. It is related that one couple who lived far from either preacher or magistrate were stranded far from any habitation. They'd spend long sleepless hours under the trees, their ears cocked for the sound of

friends of the bride walked or drove long distances to help with the preparations. The log cabins grew fragrant with the aroma of freshly baked bread, cakes and other goodies — of which great quantities were made to satisfy the hearty appetites of the wedding guests. In the evening, after the preacher had given his blessing, the fiddler tuned his instrument and dancing kept up 'til morning.

The visiting ministers usually traveled about on horseback. It took them several weeks to cover their districts and there were always three or four services a day at each stopping place. Distances were discouraging... miles and miles of little-traveled roads between settlements... and these became mere trails through dense forests. Frequently when night came on preachers would find themselves stranded far from any habitation. They'd spend long sleepless hours under the trees, their ears cocked for the sound of

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proving wolves. Then the lullabies of the pines were an irritation, for other sounds were lost in the music... On reaching their destination they held services in the largest available room, or in the open air if the weather allowed and the throngs were extra large. Many a time and oft the members of these congregations walked 10 miles or more to take part in the meetings. It was quite the thing to go barefoot to save shoe leather. On went the boots when the traveler came within sight of the settlement!

Rescued after 50 days



Kenneth Cooke, ship's carpenter, and Colin Armitage, both of England, muster all their energy to stand erect on the raft where they spent 50 days in the south Atlantic. The two survivors are shown as they were rescued by H.M.S. destroyer Rapid. Of 16 men that survived when their vessel was torpedoed, they were the only two men to live through the 50-day ordeal of deprivation.

IF YOU SUDDENLY came face to face with two starved, half-drowned, half-frozen seamen—men who had for 50 days suffered terrible deprivation and watched 14 of their comrades die—would you pass them by? Could you deny them help in every form that it was in your power to give—hot food, a warm bath, a comfortable bed, warm clothing and expert care so long as they needed them? You could not and you would not.

You Can Help Seamen Such as These by Becoming a Member of the Navy League of Canada.

WHAT YOUR MEMBERSHIP WILL DO

YOUR MEMBERSHIP will help to provide survivors' kits, ditty bags (200,000 are needed this year), small comforts at sea and hospitality ashore... The Prince Robert House is just one of 21 hostels, clubs and recreational centres which the League supports.

YOUR MEMBERSHIP will also help in the encouragement and maintenance of the Sea Cadet Corps across Canada. In general, your support of the Navy League will enable it to carry on and expand in its very necessary, and much appreciated work among our seafaring men.

Holders of membership certificates are entitled to participate in the drawing for the \$15,000 treasure chest and \$4,000 additional prizes.

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This space is gladly contributed to the cause of the Navy League of Canada by the B.C. Electric Railway Company Limited.

Use of Schools Extended Here For Community Benefit

Facilities of Victoria schools were extended for community benefit by the City-School Board meeting Wednesday night for its final session of the year.

The board granted use of the Central Junior High gym, with Pemberton gym, to the Teen Canteen, organization sponsoring supervised recreation for 'teen age youngsters, authorized use by Canadian Legion groups of home economics equipment at the High School to train personnel in the forces at a minimum charge, and approved rental of the High auditorium to the C.C.F. for M. J. Caldwell's address in Victoria, Jan. 6. The charge for the latter event will be \$40, since the board felt itself unable to grant a rental below that of a comparable commercial hall in town. Announcement of the Victoria C.C.F. organization intended to take a collection at the meeting, although no admission will be charged, was received with some disfavor, trustees stating the move indicated commercialization of school property. Since use of the auditorium had been pledged, no bar will be placed on the collection, but the action, trustees said, is not to establish a precedent.

HELP TEEN CANTEEN

P. E. George and Mrs. Helen Simpson, Y.M.C.A., spoke for the Teen Canteen. They referred to the growth in juvenile delinquency, stressed the necessity for activity which would provide a wholesome outlet for young energies, and stated early winter functions at the Pemberton gym had shown a demand for the programs they planned. The programs included dancing and games under skilled direction, and instruction. The two delegates asked for co-operation from the board through appointment of members to the committee and through allocation of the Junior High gym to the group to handle anticipated large crowds.

Both requests were granted, the gym being made available for Jan. 8, and H. L. Campbell, municipal inspector, Trustee Bertha Parsons, and Trustee W. A. Bayliss being appointed to the committee.

FOR SERVICE CLASSES

The Canadian Legion application for use of home economics equipment, supported by Trustee Margaret Christie, was approved, following argument to the effect such facilities should be provided for girls in the services, who might otherwise miss training in civilian classes. The courses, for which minimum charges will be made, will be conducted by school employees on Monday evenings, from 7 to 9.

A Burnside P.T.A. request for equipment on which to heat water and refreshments in the school's auditorium was referred to the board's purchasing agent and Trustee Christie and Bayliss for action.

Resignation of Mrs. Emily Milhouse, nee Wood, was accepted, and her offer to continue teaching until the end of June was approved.

Kenneth C. Ross's application for the bonus paid school employees enlisting for active service, was authorized, to avert discrimination, although it was announced he had originally left the board to take a civilian post as instructor in the navy, and later had been placed in uniform.

War insurance on school buildings was renewed.

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FIRE RAZES ATLANTIC CITY BOARDWALK—Roofs, walls and store fronts are crushed as a result of a \$500,000 fire on the boardwalk at Atlantic City. Raging for six hours, the fire takes the life of a fireman and makes 100 people homeless before being brought under control. (Telephoto).

Trustee Criticizes Election Activity By Board Employee

Sharp criticism of an unnamed city school employee's civic election activities was voiced by Trustee W. A. Bayliss at the 1943 Victoria School Board meeting Wednesday night.

Trustee Bayliss had referred to the decided loss to the board of two of its members defeated at the polls and said he "considered the conduct of an employee of this board, who conducted an extremely energetic election campaign, unethical and uncalled for."

At the opening of the meeting Trustee Mrs. Bertha Parsons, who fills the one-year by-election seat left vacant by the resignation of Dr. G. A. B. Hall, was welcomed to the board by Trustee F. G. Mulliner, chairman.

The chairman thanked members of the board for the courtesies they had shown him in recent years and expressed appreciation for the harmony which had existed.

Trustee H. E. Douglas, who withdrew at the end of the year, voiced similar appreciation for his enjoyment of associations with fellow trustees. Each and every one had been actuated by no personal consideration, he said, adding the hope future boards would enjoy the same harmony. He spoke specifically of the loss to the board of Trustee Cecil Parrott whose work, he said, had been of inestimable value to the building and grounds committee.

Trustee Parrott thanked the preceding speaker, declared the year concluding one of the happiest he had spent and said he was ready at all times to assist the board although not a member in 1944. He particularly thanked H. L. Campbell, municipal inspector, for his assistance during the year.

Hostels Mean Much To Sailors Ashore

A guest at Robert House who has been tormented three times says that men in the lifeboats discuss food, whisky and women in that order as the long hours pass. Once they are ashore however, the order is reversed. Their first call is at a hostel, where they hope to find a hostess who will speak, look, or at least remind them of their mothers, their wives or sweethearts. Their next consideration is for as big a steak as they can find, and alcohol seems a very poor third place.

It would be hard for a land-lubber to appreciate just what the Navy League hostels mean to a seaman, he said. The cruel monotony of the sea, the hard living, are not offset by pin-up girls. The old sea dogs of today are younger men and lads for the most part. Homesickness is as prevalent as seasickness among them, and the hospitality of the Navy League hostels sets many of them right.

Of the survivors' kits and ditty bags furnished by the league, this one survivor considered it a civilian service the value of which could not be estimated. He claims to owe his life to drugs found in one ditty bag in a lifeboat, and many other men, he said, owed as much.

The Navy League is conducting a membership drive in Victoria, with an objective of 40,000 new members interested in seamen.

A drilling rig which got mired in the mud en route to Kansas after an unsuccessful exploratory trip for lead and zinc in Oklahoma, was set up and put to work on the spot; the result was the discovery of a rich ore field.

About 600 pounds of clean cotton lint will make enough powder for 100,000 cartridges.

Pantomime 'St. George' Is Being Rehearsed

For many decades, the pantomime has played a big part in the Old Country Christmas program. No Yuletide would be complete without this essentially Christmas feature. This year Victoria will have the opportunity of seeing a real Old Country pantomime when, under the auspices of the Victoria Centenary Committee, "St. George" will be staged at the Royal Victoria Theatre Jan. 14 and 15. This pantomime will conform in every detail to London productions.

"St. George" has been written and will be produced by F. L. Hugh Parker, R.A.F., and the cast will contain a high percentage of Old Country talent drawn from the well known R.A.F. "Smile Show," augmented by girls from Miss Florence Clough's Dancing Academy.

There will be two acts and 12 scenes. They deal with the adventures of two children as, with their fairy guide, they travel beyond the trials and tribulations of this world to a land of peace and happiness. The production strikes a tropical note in the portrayal of "The Dragon and his Henchman," enemies which have to be overcome on the way, and ends on the patriotic note at the appearance of St. George, who, as ages ago, overcomes the master of evil and thereby points the eternal moral of pantomime—the triumph of good over evil.

Miss Margaret Curry is cast as leading lady with Miss Ilace Roskelley as the fairy queen. Others in the show include Bill Butler, Sonny Harrow, Jack Griffith, Ben Blumenthal, Dennis Collyer, Ron Gates and Will Roberts. Ronnie Brohn and Les Minto will be teamed once again in musical partnership.

A matinee performance will be given Jan. 15 to enable children to attend.

Reserve Decision On Priory Case

Judgment was reserved by Mr. Justice A. D. Macfarlane in Supreme Court Chambers here Wednesday on the application by J. B. Clearihue, K.C., for dismissal of the action which gave the Society of the Love of Jesus an injunction restraining Russell Smart, real property administrator, from taking over the old James Bay Hotel, now operated as St. Mary's Priory.

Joseph McKenna, appearing for the society and opposing the application, contended the regulation under which the real property administrator sought control of the building was beyond the authority of the law under which it was taken.

Guest Ration Cards Effective Too Late

Method of issuing ration cards to servicemen on leave fails to solve the problem of some hostesses who invited them for Christmas or New Year's, as indicated by the case of Mrs. G. S. W. Jennings, 1596 Clive Drive.

Main problem is purchases cannot be made on the ration cards until the servicemen have returned to their units.

In Mrs. Jennings' case, which it is believed is similar to other hostesses, she had her soldier son home on leave and naturally shared her rations. He had started his leave before the servicemen's ration cards were issued and found to his surprise that he was not able to obtain one from the ration office.

After her son left the hostess had four more servicemen as holiday guests. They hid their ration cards to give her but she found she could not buy the rationed goods until the end of their stay and after they had returned to their units and stated how many meals they had had.

"It means," says Mrs. Jennings, "that I have to serve food for what amounts to a total of 20 days but cannot buy the rationed articles until after the food is eaten. It is while they are my guests that I need the food."

Ration officials of the War-time Prices and Trade Board said today that an instance where a hostess entertained four or five servicemen at one time was an isolated one and added that rations in a family of two are sufficient to meet extra rations for one or two other persons until the guest coupons can be used.

Requisitions for coupons are made at the servicemen's barracks and the length of leave is noted, one official said. When a serviceman guest has left the coupons may be taken to the ration office and the hostess must make a declaration stating the number of meals she served, he added.

"Coupons are issued only after the meals have been served, otherwise many hostesses might have plans to entertain a serviceman for four or five days and the servicemen stay only one day, going on to Vancouver, perhaps, for a day or so."

"In such cases the hostess would be left with considerably more than the usual civilian ration."

Food experts recommend eating the potato skins because they contain some of the potato's minerals and vitamins.

See Higher Profit In Elevator Lease

United Grain Growers Ltd. feel Victoria should extend its lease of the Ogden Point grain elevator to the firm on the same terms as that which expired in September, and thereby enjoy greater profit, according to a letter received at the City Hall today.

F. L. Shaw, city solicitor, reported he had communicated to

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Pte. Agnes A. Deveson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick J. Deveson, 1219 Pembroke Street, and Pte. Muriel Jean Forrester, daughter of Mr. J. B. Forrester, Victoria, have arrived overseas with a draft of Canadian Women's Army Corps. Pte. Deveson has one brother, J. M. Deveson, overseas, and enlisted in January, 1942, working as a textile refitter until leaving Canada. Pte. Forrester has two brothers in uniform, Sgt. C. R. Forrester, C.D.C., and Sgt. J. H. A. Forrester, overseas. Enlisting in January, 1942, she worked as a stenographer.

Personal Notes

Mrs. E. Carew Gibson, Vancouver, arrived in Victoria today to be the guest of Mrs. Curtis Sampson, Molton Combe.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Byers have returned to their home in Abbotsford, after visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. Williams, 419 John Street.

Mrs. T. M. Jones, 1029 Beach Drive, will have as her guests over the New Year's week-end Mrs. J. A. Hobday and Miss Clare Davidson of Vancouver.

2nd Lieut. Daphne Gill, who has been spending Christmas with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Gill, St. Patrick Street, has returned to Harrison Hot Springs to resume her duties at the military hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Williams were hosts at a dinner party at their home, 419 John Street, when their guests included Mr. and Mrs. J. Potts, Mr. and Mrs. H. Aliman, Mr. and Mrs. J. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. B. Edgington and Miss T. Edgington.

Wren Edna D. Bird, who arrived from the east to spend Christmas with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Esmond C. J. Bird, arrived today to visit during New Year's with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. George Holt, Seaview Road.

In honor of Mrs. William Wellwood of Vancouver, Miss Jean Sinclair entertained at the tea hour today at the Empress Hotel. Mrs. Wellwood is the house guest of Miss Sinclair until Monday, when they will both return to their studies at the University of British Columbia.

Miss Betty-Lou Playfair entertained at dinner Wednesday evening at the home of her parents on Carey Road. Following dinner, the party attended the theatre. Her guests were Misses Doreen Olson, Marjorie Ross, Marguerite Hancock, and Kenneth McMurray, Jim Horwood and Ron Dalziel.

Mrs. Thomas Stevenson entertained at the tea hour to honor her daughter, Miss Constance Stevenson, on the occasion of her 21st birthday. Those present were: Misses A. Phipp, and Misses Doreen Gray, Viola Sands, Mae Dumbleton, Yvonne McCrae, Pat Jackson, Connie Lafek, Beatrice Gallop, Lorna Love, Dot Eaton and Gloria Friesen.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Garrison and baby daughter Dianne of Port Alberni, who have been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Garrison of Stanwood, Washington, have arrived in Victoria to spend the remainder of the holidays with Mrs. Garrison's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Munro, Mt. Stephen Avenue.

Miss Ethne Savage, who has returned from Washington, D.C., to spend the holiday season with her parents, was the guest of honor at a no-hostess tea given by her friends at the Empress Hotel. Guests were Mesdames A. Collis, P. Neal, H. Dunn, V. Hay, J. Richardson, R. D. Hood and the Misses Mary Brydges, Evelyn Lettice, Kay Greenwood, Joan Cromack, Elsie Appleby, Enid Fox, Anne Adamson and Margot Hughes.

Among the guests noted at the Wurtelle-Scott wedding Wednesday evening were: Group Capt. G. McGregor, O.B.E., and Mrs. McGregor; Wing Cmdr. Christmas, D.F.C., and Mrs. Christmas; Wing Cmdr. and Mrs. Gibson, D.F.C.; Mr. and Mrs. Layton, D.S.O., and Mrs. Layton, F.O. Kendall, D.F.C., and Mrs. Kendall, F.O. and Mrs. R. O'Callaghan, Dr. and Mrs. T. M. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Pip Sills, Sqdn. Ldr. S. Flaherty, Wing Cmdr. V. Bean, Wing Cmdr. E. Edmonds, D.F.C.; Sqdn. Ldr. D. H. Jacquelin, D.F.C.; Sqdn. Ldr. A. West, A.F.C.; Sqdn. Ldr. G. Thomas, Sqdn. Ldr. Perley, Sqdn. Ldr. E. Stamp, Sqdn. Ldr. J. Sash, D.F.C., A.F.C.; Sqdn. Ldr. Pringle, Sqdn. Ldr. Pritchard, F.O. Lt. A. V. Smith, F.O. Lt. Hugh Parker, F.O. Lt. Barr, W.O. D. Day, F.O. Ruocco, F.O. Lt. J. Johnson and Misses Cynthia Yarrow, Betty Russell, Vivienne King, Daphne Nunn, Joan Duncan, Rosemary Williams and Mrs. Jan Macdonald.

Uncooked Vegetable Salad Pickle

Half gallon ripe tomatoes, 1 green or red pepper, 3 medium onions, 1 head celery (small), 1/2 cup salt, 1/2 cup sugar, 1 tablespoon cinnamon, 1/2 tablespoon cloves, 1/2 teaspoon pepper, 2 small hot peppers (chilies) or 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper, 2 cups vinegar.

Peel and cut tomatoes into small pieces. Add chopped peppers, onions and celery. Put salt on vegetables and let stand overnight. Drain well. This is

R.A.F. Commandant Weds Lorna Scott At St. Mary's

Soft white chiffon with lace insets at the sweetheart neckline and bracelet-length sleeves fashioned the wedding gown worn by Lorna Katherine, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Scott, Newport Avenue, for her marriage Wednesday evening in St. Mary's Church, Oak Bay, to Group Capt. Edgar Louis Wurtelle, R.A.F., eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. L. S. H. Wurtelle, Westmount, Que. Sqdn. Ldr. R. O. Mossop, J.A.F. Chaplain, read the service, and LAC. Braybrook, R.A.F., played the wedding music. The hymns sung were "The Voice That Breathed O'er Eden" and "Lead Us, Heavenly Father Lead Us."

Given away by her father, the bride wore a full-length veil of fine tulle caught at one side of her head with gardenias and orange blossom, and she carried a shower bouquet of gardenias. A frock of reseda green silk on princess lines with matching Juliet cap trimmed with flowers and veiling, was chosen by the bridesmaid, Miss Joan Duncan. She carried an arm bouquet of yellow chrysanthemums and freesias. Wing Cmdr. W. W. Bean, R.A.F., was groomsmen, and ushering were Wing Cmdr. G. W. Edmunds, D.F.C., R.A.F., and Bruce Scott.

At a reception in the Oak Bay Beach Hotel, P. G. Barr proposed the toast to the bride, after which she cut a three-tier wedding cake topped with a model Mosquito plane.

After a honeymoon in Banff, Group Capt. and Mrs. Wurtelle will make their home at Patricia Bay. For travelling the bride donned a pale green doeskin suit with brown accessories.

Engagements

Announcements to appear under this heading will be accepted at The Times Advertising Department. Minimum charge \$1.50 for 10 lines, and 15c for each additional line.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Cull, 2053 Cadboro Bay Rd., Oak Bay, announce the engagement of their elder daughter, Rita Joyce (Joy) to William E. Snell, only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Snell of Langley Prairie, B.C.

The engagement is announced of Margaret Joan, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Cull, to LAC E. G. MacLaughlin, R.C.A.F., only son of Mrs. MacLaughlin, Hanwell, London, England. Wedding to take place at St. Mary's Church, Oak Bay, Jan. 17 at 7.15.

Pear Chow Chow

Three large onions, 2 large sweet red peppers, 6 lbs. ripe pears (about 155 medium), 1 cup sugar, 2 1/2 cups vinegar, 2 teaspoons salt, 1/2 tablespoon mixed whole spice.

Peel onions; remove seed cores from peppers; put vegetables through food chopper, using coarse knife. Peel and core pears; cut in small cubes. Mix sugar, vinegar, salt, and spice in large preserving kettle; heat to boiling point, add onions, peppers and pears; boil 30 minutes, stirring occasionally. Pour into hot sterilized jar, filling to top; seal at once. Makes about 4 pints.

most important as otherwise a very juicy mixture will result. Mix sugar and spices with vinegar and water and pour over vegetables. Bottle and seal. Makes about 4 1/2 pints.

In Navy League Drive



Mrs. L. A. Genge is among the Victoria women now hard at work in the Navy League drive for new members. She helped found the Victoria branch of the Navy League following the last war and is a member of the executive of the Navy League of Canada. Mrs. Genge also took part in the establishment of Prince Robert House as president of the women's committee.

Weddings

RENSHAW-STEELE

Mary Kathleen, elder daughter of Mrs. Steele, 431 Linden Avenue, and the late Mr. M. B. Steele, became the bride Wednesday evening in Christ Church Cathedral of Lieut. Rodney Edward Renshaw, R.C.E., elder son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Renshaw, 750 Sutherland Avenue, North Vancouver. Dean Spencer H. Elliott performed the ceremony.

Wearing a dark green tulle with brown accessories and a corsage bouquet of Ophelia roses and freesias, the bride was given in marriage by her brother, Manlius Steele, Vancouver. Her sister, Miss Dorothy Steele, as bridesmaid, was frocked in green velvet with brown accessories and a shoulder spray of bronze chrysanthemums. Miss Doris Thompson was the other attendant and chose a cocoa brown suit, accessories in tone and a corsage bouquet of Kokomo carnations. Cpl. Ted Eckford was best man and Ted Kergin ushered.

A reception was held at the home of the bride's mother, who was assisted in receiving the guests by Mr. and Mrs. R. Renshaw. The toast was proposed by W. D. McWha.

Following a short honeymoon at the Hotel Vancouver, Lieut. and Mrs. Renshaw will reside at Cullis Lake.

BIGGS-CROWE

The marriage of Myra Marjorie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Crowe of Calgary, and Stephen Alfred Biggs, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Biggs, Carey Road, Saanich, took place Monday evening at the home of the groom's parents. Mr. H. L. Hopkins officiated.

The bride was given away by William McKinnon Sr., and was attended by her sister, Miss Isla Crowe of Calgary. Sidney Biggs supported his brother. During the reception William McKinnon Jr. sang "O Perfect Love," accompanied at the piano by Mrs. McKinnon. Later, the bride and groom left for their honeymoon.

Clubwomen

Children of Esquimalt Presbyterian Sunday school were entertained at Esquimalt Services House, when Mr. Miller showed lantern slides of the Holy Land, and Miss R. Blyth spoke on the pictures. Also present were Rev. T. H. McAllister, Rev. Walter Ross, Miss Ross and Mrs. Miller. Prizes were given, also certificates for memory work, and each child received oranges, nuts and candy.

THIS WAR—FOUR YEARS AGO

Dec. 30, 1939—Second contingent of Canadian Active Service Force arrives in Britain. Authority given in Britain for the calling up of additional men for military service. Finns push Red troops back across border near Lieska.

Range fire destruction on federal grazing lands in 10 western states in 1943 covered less than half the acreage burned over in 1942, due largely to better organized and equipped fire crews; the 1943 burned-over area was 837,000 acres.

Ration Coupons

Ration coupons valid Friday are: Tea or coffee, Nos. 1 to 25 (Nos. 1-12 expire Friday midnight); butter, Nos. 38 to 43 (Nos. 38-41 expire Friday midnight); preserves, Nos. 1 to 22 (Nos. 1-13 expire Friday midnight); preserves D1 to D9 and meat, Nos. 26 to 32 (Nos. 26-29 expire Friday midnight).

Dorothy Dix

Dear Dorothy Dix:—My husband, who died 10 years ago, left me very wealthy. I am a woman of 55. Recently I met a man who is 30 years old, and he tells me that he is in love with me and wants to marry me. I love him, too, but am dubious about marrying him, because he is of a different religion. Do you think I should marry this man? Please advise me as I am very PUZZLED.

Answer: There is nothing in your case to be puzzled about. You don't need to go to any astrologer or crystal-gazer, or consult any fortune-teller to find out how such a marriage as you are contemplating will turn out. You have only to look around your own circle of friends to see—the shamed, heartbroken, cheated, rich, old women who have bought themselves young husbands and who have been left bankrupt in money and happiness.

Try to face your problem with a little good, hard, horse sense, instead of indulging in wishful thinking. Try to face facts as you know them. You know that no man of 30 even falls in love with a woman almost old enough to be his grandmother. No man ever marries a woman 25 years older than he is, except for her money. Between a young man and an aging woman there is nothing in common.

To Clothe a Russian Baby



Baby clothes are needed by the thousands for homeless Russian infants. Here, Miss Molly Crickmay poses with a complete layette donated by an anonymous Victorian at Canadian Aid to Russia Headquarters, 2002 Oak Bay Avenue.

Share your clothing with our valiant Russian allies! Above all send any extra children's clothing to the youngsters of the Soviet. That is today's appeal from Mrs. W. E. M. Mitchell, of the Victoria Canadian Aid to Russia Fund—an appeal which follows a war correspondent's story of the desperate plight of Russian youngsters. After seeing thousands of orphaned children along the front being gathered at desolate railway stations to be taken to safety in the hinterland he wrote: "The faces of these tiny mites are sombre and stern, like those of grown-ups. A pang pierced my heart as I saw their bitterly cold, red lips and grave, brooding eyes. There was nothing childish about these youngsters. Their eyes have seen things which have eaten into their minds like acid."

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New Movie Team In Midnight Show

A new movie team may be the result of two outstanding performances in a current production. Actors Fritz Feld and J. Edward Bromberg, two of Hollywood's busiest character players, were signed simultaneously by Producer George Wagner for roles in "Phantom of the Opera." Their performances in the Technicolor thriller, coming as midnight show Friday to the Plaza Theatre, are attracting widespread comment.

Desperadoes Fight Proves Knockout

Dick Talmadge, former stunt star, acted as technical director on the fight sequences between Glenn Ford and Bernard Nadell in "The Desperadoes," Columbia's thrilling technicolor western at the York Theatre, Randolph Scott and Big Boy Williams also appear in a saloon brawl sequence that is said to equal, if not surpass, the famous William Farnum-Tom Santschi fight in the early day "Spillers," by which all screen battles since have been judged. Charles Vidor directed the film, whose cast also includes Claire Trevor, Evelyn Keyes and Edgar Buchanan.

Skelton, Rutherford At Atlas Midnight

Ann Rutherford is cast opposite Red Skelton for the third time when she plays Carol Lambert in the newest of that popular series, M-G-M's "Whistling in Brooklyn," coming as midnight show to the Atlas Theatre, Friday.

Women at War Get Spot in Show

Director-writer Norman Krassa introduces a women-in-war note in Warner Bros. "Princess O'Rourke," coming Friday as midnight show at the Dominion Theatre.

Grable, Bob Young, Menjou at Capitol

Betty Grable, Robert Young and Adolphe Menjou share the star light in 20th Century-Fox's new technicolor musical, coming Friday as a midnight show to the Capitol Theatre. Musical numbers in the film, written by Mack Gordon and Harry Warren, are definitely hit parade material.

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Repeat Performance For Eve Arden

Eve Arden, who made a hit in the Broadway musical comedy, "Let's Face It," has the same role in the Paramount film version which co-stars Bob Hope and Betty Hutton and which is now at the Atlas Theatre.

RIO THEATRE

The Los Angeles police department co-operated with Republic Studio to help prevent waste of vital war materials in the making of "A Gentle Gangster," which opens today at the Rio Theatre.

CAPITOL THEATRE

There was no trouble with authentic backgrounds for scenes in M-G-M's "Lassie Come Home," technicolor pictorialization of Eric Knight's epic dog story, currently at the Capitol Theatre.

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ATLAS - "Let's Face It," starring Bob Hope.
CADET - Leslie Howard in "Spitfire."
CAPITOL - Roddy McDowall in "Lassie Come Home."
DOMINION - Red Skelton in "I Dood It."
PLAZA-OAK BAY - Abbott and Costello in "Hit the Ice."
RIO - "A Gentle Gangster," starring Barton MacLane.
YORK - Glenn Ford and Bernard Nadell in "The Desperadoes."

OAK BAY AND PLAZA THEATRES

Screen actress Elyse Knox took an intensive course in acrobatic skating to prepare for her role in Universal's new Abbott and Costello comedy, "Hit the Ice." Although she already was a fair skater, Miss Knox was required by the script to perform enough figure stunts to establish that she is in the near-professional class.

"Hit the Ice," now at the Oak Bay and Plaza Theatre, has a cast of movie notables including Ginny Simms, Patric Knowles, Marc Lawrence and Johnny Long and his orchestra. Charles Lamont was the director.

'True to Life' Due At Dominion Friday

A four-star fun-film, produced by Paramount, is on its way to the Dominion Theatre, loaded with laughs, gags and some mighty tuneful music. It is "True to Life," starring Mary Martin, Franchot Tone, Dick Powell and Victor Moore, and it opens tomorrow with all signs pointing to a fine reception.

Actual Scenes Of Blitz Victory

Actual scenes from the climax of the Battle of Britain, when on Sept. 15, 1940, 185 Nazi planes were shot down, are included in the engrossing new dramatic picture, "Spitfire," starring Leslie Howard and David Niven, and now being shown at the Cadet Theatre.

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The new U.S. dive-bomber, the Curtiss Hell Diver, is appearing at the battle front in increasing numbers. It has just been disclosed that one-quarter of the production of Hell Divers is Canadian, at Montreal and Fort William, Ont.

MONTREAL (CP)—Canadian Car and Foundry employees have received a telegram from Rear Admiral D. C. Ramsey of the U.S. navy saying that in a recent raid on Rabaul, Navy Hell Diver planes had sunk a light cruiser and destroyer, probably sunk a heavy cruiser and severely damaged another light cruiser as well as probably damaging a second destroyer.

The telegram to the workers here engaged in production of the new U.S. navy dive-bombers said: "What the Hell Divers accomplished in the single engagement is but a mere taste of what the Japs may expect when our fliers have enough of these powerful new planes. We are confident that you men and women of Canadian Car and Foundry Company will spare no effort to provide them at the earliest possible moment."

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"PRINCESS O'ROURKE"
DOMINION

Churchill Cheerful As Recovery Proceeds; Rests In Sunshine

LONDON (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill, in a buoyant and jocular "personal note" issued through 10 Downing Street early today, announced to the Allied nations that he has recovered from his bout with pneumonia and that all along he has been able to discharge fully his official duties.

Mr. Churchill said he now felt better than at any time since leaving Britain, although he would need a few weeks in sunshine to restore his strength, and joshed the censors by saying, "I now am leaving the place where I have been staying for an unknown destination."

The Prime Minister stated specifically: "I have not at any time had to relinquish my part in the direction of affairs and there has not been the slightest delay in giving decisions which were required of me."

KEEPS STAFF BUSY

"I am now able to transact business fully. I have a highly efficient nucleus staff and am in full daily correspondence with London."

The message said: "Now that I am leaving the place where I have been staying for an unknown destination after more than a fortnight's illness I wish to express my deep gratitude to all who have sent me kind messages or otherwise have helped me."

"I had planned to visit the Italian front as soon as the conferences (Cairo and Teheran) were over, but on Dec. 11 I felt so tired out that I had to ask Gen. Eisenhower for a few days' rest before proceeding."

"This was accorded me in a most generous manner."

"The next day came the fever and the day after, when photographs showed there was a shadow on one of my lungs, I found everything had been foreseen by Lord Moran. Excellent nurses and highest medical authorities in the Mediterranean theatre arrived from all quarters as if by magic. This admirable M and B (a type of sulfa drug named after its makers, May and Baker) from which I did not suffer any inconvenience was used at the earliest moment and after a week's fever the intruders were repulsed."

"I hope all our battles will be equally well conducted. . . . I did not feel so ill in this attack as I did last February. The M and B, which I may also call Moran and Bedford (the names of his physicians) did its work most efficiently. There is no doubt that pneumonia is a very different illness from what it was before this marvelous drug was discovered. . . .

Cow for Conductor

NEW YORK (AP)—Arthur Rodzinski, New York Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra conductor, will step from the podium to a milking stool after his 50th birthday next Sunday. A few weeks ago the orchestra's board of directors asked Bruno Zirato, associate manager, to find out what the maestro would like for his birthday. Zirato reported: "A cow." Tulip, a pedigreed Guernsey cow capable of producing 26 quarts of milk a day, today is en route to the conductor's Stockbridge, Mass., farm.

Nearly 24,000 tons of paper is being saved this year by U.S. government restrictions on variety and weight of greeting cards.

Blast furnaces in 1918 required relining after producing approximately 625,000 tons of iron; this tonnage has now been multiplied by three because better lining materials have been developed.

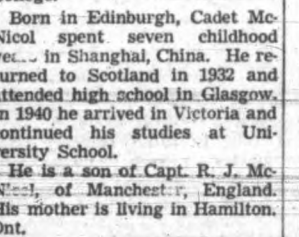
Cadets At Royal Roads Prepare for Naval Careers



Cadet Donald Frederick Slocombe, 17, has chosen the navy as his career. He is among the junior cadets from various parts of Canada who recently began a two-year scholarship and technical course at the Royal Canadian Naval College near Victoria. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Slocombe, 765 Hillside Avenue, and attained his junior matriculation at University School before passing a competitive examination laid down by the naval college.



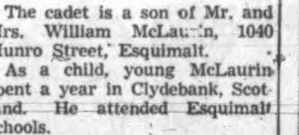
Cadet Roger John S. Dickinson, 17, Esquimalt, B.C., one of two cousins now studying at Royal Canadian Naval College. His cousin is Waite Brooks, 18, of Vancouver, formerly of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.



Cadet Herbert Rowley, 18, is among the many sons of naval officers now pursuing similar careers as cadets at Royal Canadian Naval College. He is in his senior year.



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the Indian police since 1919 and at present is teaching a course in unarmed combat to 2,500 men at Nowshera. His mother also is in India, and his guardian is Lieut. T. G. S. Chambers, serving with an army unit at Sidney, B.C.

At the age of six years, young Prance was sent to school in England and remained there until the summer of 1940, when he moved to Toronto for two years. His mother sailed from Britain to return to India in 1941 but was torpedoed and spent two days in an open boat before being picked up by a destroyer.

Cadet Prance attended the University School in Victoria before entrance examination for the R.C.N. College last summer. Born in India, he was taught Hindustani by a native nurse.



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Born in Vancouver, he attended Glenlyon preparatory school here before going to University School. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Fowler, Cadboro Bay.



Cadet Duncan Stewart McNeil, 18, Victoria, recently began his second and final year as a cadet at the Royal Canadian Naval College.

Born in Edinburgh, Cadet McNeil spent seven childhood years in Shanghai, China. He returned to Scotland in 1932 and attended high school in Glasgow. In 1940 he arrived in Victoria and continued his studies at University School.

He is a son of Capt. R. J. McNeil, of Manchester, England. His mother is living in Hamilton, Ont.



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He is a son of Lt.-Cmdr. R. Jackson, R.C.N.R., executive officer at H.M.C.S. Naden, Esquimalt.

Cadet Jackson was born in North Vancouver. He attended Pauline Johnson School, West Vancouver High School, B.C. School of Pharmacy and Science, and University School in Victoria.



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His father is Lieut. H. Rowley, R.C.N., 3162 Fifth Street. Cadet Rowley was born here. He attended primary school in Victoria, Alexander and Richmond Schools in Halifax, and Glashan School and Lisgar Collegiate Institute in Ottawa.

He whetted his interest in naval matters by active participation in the Royal Canadian Sea Cadets.



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Cmdr. William Ogle, R.C.N.V.R., has been teaching navigation at the college since it was reopened last year.

Week of Prayer At Y.W.C.A. Jan. 3-8

Universal Week of Prayer held by the World's Evangelical Alliance will be observed in Victoria, Jan. 3 to 8, with services held daily from 3 to 4 in the afternoon at the Y.W.C.A.

Churches of various denominations will take part and the following will be speakers at the daily meetings: Rev. J. B. Rowell, "The Church and the New Age," Monday, Jan. 3; Rev. F. M. Landis, "The Church and the Nation," Tuesday; H. L. Hopkins, "The Church and the World," Wednesday; Rev. Percy Wills, "The Church and the Home," Thursday; F. G. Martin, "The Church and Its Unity," Friday, and Rev. T. H. McAllister, "The Church and the Kingdom of God," Saturday.

Chairmen at the meetings will be: Rev. J. Hood, Rev. F. W. McKinnon, A. J. Lock, R. McDonald, Major A. McInnes and E. G. Marriott.

Plan Improvements At Athletic Park

To facilitate improvements at the Athletic Park, the city's parks committee Wednesday decided to reorganize the incoming group shortening of the soccer season to permit work on the baseball diamond in the latter part of April.

The board also announced plans to establish softball at Macdonald Park, with a diamond lined out in front of the grandstand.

Projects listed by the department for the year had been carried out in the majority of cases despite labor and material shortages, W. H. Warren, superintendent, said.

Blackberry Blossoms

A blossom-laden blackberry branch, four figs and an apple were brought into the Times office today by Ben Newell, 1272 Balmoral, former Saskatoon resident, now living in the city. "I never saw them before in winter," he said, as he proudly displayed the blackberry branch. "I picked the figs and apple up in the Fernwood district. The figs aren't ripe for eating, but the apple is excellent."

Mr. Newell has followed the study of birds and nature for more than 20 years.

Enough Turkeys For New Year

Shipments of turkey too late for the Christmas trade have arrived in Victoria, and will insure a sufficient supply of turkeys for New Year's Day dinners, one meat wholesaler said today.

The turkeys are from Saskatchewan and Alberta and there are also some local birds available, he said.

"Most dealers buy their Christmas and New Year's turkeys at the same time, so we have no way of knowing just what the proportion of turkeys are for Christmas sale in comparison with New Year's."

Citrus fruits are in plentiful supply for the New Year's holiday week-end, one Yates Street wholesaler reported today. Apples, grapes and fancy vegetables are also available.

Man Hit By Truck

Struck by a truck at Blanshard and View at 11:30 Wednesday night, Ray Kalfus, 735 Pandora, suffered bruises and slight head injuries. Police said the truck was driven by Harry Haigh, Y.M.C.A.

William Provan, 75, of 355 Johnson Street, was found Wednesday afternoon on Government Street with a cut right temple. Police said Provan, an old-age pensioner, had apparently been injured in a fall. He was removed to Royal Jubilee Hospital, and attended by Dr. T. W. A. Gray.

Hostesses Entertain At Holiday Events

Hundreds of men and women of the forces have been entertained during the holiday season at the Victoria Hostess House, and dances have been arranged for this evening, Saturday evening and New Year's Eve. An orchestra will be in attendance each evening.

Mrs. Harry Briggs is in charge of the amusement program at the Hostess House, 1652 Fort Street, and has arranged a program of games for Sunday evening, rounding out the week's entertainment.

Gen. George Marshall 'Man of the Year'

NEW YORK (AP)—Gen. George C. Marshall, chief of staff of the United States Army, has been selected by Time magazine as the 1943 "man of the year." The news magazine said Marshall, assuming on the day Gen.



Lt.-Cmdr. James Robert Genge, R.C.N.V.R., is now putting his naval experience to good advantage as pilotage and navigation officer at Royal Canadian Naval College, Royal Roads.

Born here, he attended Cranleigh High School and Brentwood College. Then he spent four years in England attending St. John's College, Cambridge, where he won a Master of Arts degree in mathematics and economics. Genge joined R.C.N.V.R. in 1937. In civilian life he was treasurer of Rithet Consolidated Ltd. here. At the outbreak of war he went active.

Luxton

LUXTON—Annual Luxton Sunday School party was held Wednesday. A. H. Richards, superintendent, acted as chairman. Rev. J. B. Rowell awarded prizes for attendance and gifts from the Christmas tree. Stanley Hinde, teacher of the Bible class, awarded Schofield Bibles to Misses Verna Rhode and Jean Bowen for perfect attendance.

A good program under the supervision of the following teachers: Stanley Hinde, Misses M. Veal, D. Frewing, G. Waldron, J. Richards and D. Blenkinsopp, included a duet by Audrey Lock and Joyce Hobbs; violin solo by Donald Silman; recitations, action songs and choruses. Solos were rendered by Misses May Veale and Joyce Richards.

many invaded Poland the job of transforming "a worse-than-disarmed U.S. into the world's most effective military power," was the man "who more than any other could be said to have armed the republic."

"Before selecting Gen. Marshall as the man of the year," the magazine said, "Time considered the claims of Prime Minister Churchill, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, Premier Stalin and President Roosevelt."

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Sports Mirror

By PETE SALLAWAY

HOCKEY fans sitting in on the Victoria Machinery Depot. St. Regis Coast League game the other night in Vancouver no doubt got a lot of entertainment out of Coley Hall's fiery outburst that saw the backer of the St. Regis team jump out on the ice to berate referee Merrick Cranstoun. But Mr. Hall wants to watch his step mighty close or he will find himself on the outside looking on. He is not dealing with baseball umpires when he starts pushing hockey referees around.

There is a great big difference between riding baseball umpires in a Vancouver league to taking it out on the referees in an organized hockey circuit. In baseball, he had only the officials of a local league to contend with and then again the diamond sport holds a much different view to officialing than hockey. Every official in organized hockey has the solid backing of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association. And when we say backing we mean just that. The C.A.H.A. will stand for no monkey business when it comes to protecting its referees. If Mr. Hall causes any great amount of trouble he will just find himself out of hockey. And if he should ever draw a suspension Hall will learn it is no cinch to get back. The C.A.H.A. does not forget easily in matters of that kind. So we would advise Coley to keep off the ice and to especially leave the officials alone. He should get himself a nice box seat and

stay in it. He might also take Porky Levine along with him. The rumor market tells us that next year's horse racing program for Vancouver calls for four weeks at the mile Lansdowne track and 14 days at the half-mile bull ring at Hastings Park. Last summer the ponies galloped the full 42 days at Hastings in order to alleviate the transportation problem. The story is that Richmond municipality badly needs the revenue derived from racing and officials feel inclined to listen to their arguments owing to the stand that might be taken for meets after the war. After all, the racing moguls don't want to find themselves unable to race at Lansdowne should the municipality taken a sudden "dislike" to race meets.

Joe Donohue, who has charge of the track room at New York race tracks, cashed some \$9,000,000 worth of cheques for patrons of the mutual machines last season without suffering a loss. Evidently Joe's past-performance charts on the customers are more accurate than the ones the betters keep on the horses. A Vallejo, Cal., duck hunter recently was fined for hunting without a license, taking ducks without a duck stamp, shooting from a motor vehicle, shooting from a main highway and shooting migratory birds with a rifle. We wonder why he wasn't also pinched for parking on the highway to make it an end of a perfect day!

Cincinnati Tops Fielding Averages

Frey Sets New Mark

NEW YORK (AP) — Lonnie Frey of the Cincinnati Reds wiped out all fielding records for National League second basemen during 1943 as his club led the circuit offfield with an aggregate of .980, official averages released today reveal.

Frey, 31 years old and completing his 10th year in the senior circuit, fielded for .985 to wipe out the mark of .983 set by Earl Adams of the Chicago Cubs in 1925.

He made only 13 errors in accepting 873 chances and participated in 112 double plays as he hit his average eight points above his 1942 figure in the first season that saw Eddie Miller, sure-fingered shortstop, in the same infield.

Miller, brought to the Reds a year ago from the Boston Braves, was the best fielding shortstop in Ford Frick's circuit for the fourth straight year. Miller's average was .980.

The all-star infield, on a fielding basis, would be completed with Elbie Fletcher of the Pittsburgh Pirates at first and Merrill May of the Philadelphia Phillies at third.

Fletcher, who like Frey has joined the armed forces since the close of the season, was tops at the initial sack with a .996 figure while May's .963 was good enough to win the honor at his post.

LITWHILER TOPS Dan Litwhiler's error on May 20, his only one of the year and one which ended a streak of 189 perfect games, didn't deprive him of the outfielders' championship. The St. Louis gardener, who started the campaign with the Phils, had an imposing .996 to go alongside the 1,000 he tacked up the year previous.

Claude Passeau of the Chicago Cubs was the best fielding pitcher for the second straight year, making every one of his 68 chances cleanly while Elmer Riddle of Cincinnati made the only miscue of his major league career on Aug. 3. He had guarded his post perfectly through 102 games. In all, 26 pitchers were perfect fielders, but the title went to Passeau who had the most chances.

At Lopez of Pittsburgh and Tommy Livingston of Philadelphia and Chicago headed the catchers with .991 figures, each having 448 chances and making four errors.

In team fielding, the pennant-

Hamilton Club Makes No Financial Report

HAMILTON, Ont. (CP)—Executive members of the Hamilton Football Club have decided to make no statement on amounts distributed as bonuses or honorariums to players who brought Flying Wildcats the 1943 Dominion football championship, it was learned last night.

The executive disclosed Brian Timmis was paid \$1,250 for coaching Wildcats. The two announcements followed an executive meeting, apparently held to discuss published criticism by Timmis of the division of team receipts among Hamilton players. Because he felt the split was unfair, Timmis told reporters this week, he will not coach in future any team with which president Sammy Manson of the Hamilton Club is associated.

All-Star Football Teams Play Saturday

All-star teams managed by Joe Watt and Sgt. Crockett will meet in an exhibition soccer match at the Athletic Park, New Year's Day afternoon, starting at 2:30. Dave McMillan will referee.

Players are asked to be at the park by the line-up:

The line-ups follow: Watt's team — Evans, McGeechey, Peden, Slogar, Speller, Barnswell, Loranidin, Morgan, Payne, Sinclair, Parks, Stewart, Robbins and A. Travis.

Crockett's team — Stewardson, Witham, Braddock, Brodie, Kennedy, Boulter, Lowe, Harris, Winduss, Wardroper, Dumphy, Murray, Davison, Hall, Mathewson and Cooke.

League officials announced that a new club, known as the Seattle Indians, has been accepted into the second division and will play league fixtures Sunday afternoons.

winning Cardinals led with 4,278 putouts. Boston registered 2,023 assists and had 6,391 total chances for the leadership in those divisions. The Phillies made the most errors, 189.

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R.C.A.F. Hockey Ruling Approved By Men Overseas

LONDON (CP) — Hockey-minded Canadians in the overseas forces generally favor the headquarters order barring R.C.A.F. members in Canada from playing in leagues whose champions would qualify for Allan Cup or Memorial Cup play.

Majority of overseas servicemen approved the edict on grounds "war and its training come first, sport second." They learned of the order through their weekly newspaper, the Canadian Press News. (In announcing the order at Ottawa, headquarters indicated there had been abuses of R.C.A.F. sports policies and interference with training routine in order to favor hockey teams or players. It was ruled air force hockey teams could play in intramural games, in local garrison leagues and in exhibition games against service teams within the same geographical boundaries. Such games could not be held more than once every two weeks.)

Those who considered the order too severe were greatly in the minority, but some felt a system of service hockey similar to that used by Canadians here might be introduced in Canada.

The various leagues are organized geographically here by auxiliary services organizations. For instance, most Canadian squadrons and many R.A.F. units containing Canadian personnel have teams. Although the R.A.F. teams are confined to the leagues within their own districts, Canadian squadrons decide champions in both bomber and fighter groups, then the two winners meet for the R.C.A.F. overseas title.

Hockey, however, definitely takes second place to the war job and there are many cases where star players are unable to participate in scheduled games because they are flying or loading bombers or have some such duty.

MINOR HOCKEY RESULTS

Buffalo 3, Providence 0. Hershey 2, Cleveland 2.

Approximately 100,000 sooty terns nest at Fort Jefferson National Monument in Florida's Dry Tortugas Keys.

Cowley Makes Goal Scorers

By CHARLIE EDWARDS TORONTO (CP) — Bill Cowley is back in the groove. The Boston centre seems to be able to take any winger and make a leading goal scorer out of him in one season. This time the object of Bill's affection is Herb Cain, first to reach the 20-goal mark in the current National Hockey League campaign.

Last year when everyone figured Buzz Boll was washed up as a major leaguer, Cowley took him as a winger, and Boll was first to reach the 20-goal mark in 1942-43. Cain has been in the big time since he joined Montreal Maroons in 1933, but he has never before won renown as an unusually high-scoring, although he did fire 20 goals in 1934-35 with Maroons, and 21 in 1939-40 with Boston.

Jack (Ottawa Citizen) Koffman comments: "The records show Bill made high-scoring wings out of Ray Gelfin and Charlie Sands, did the same with Roy Conacher and Eddie Wasmann. . . . Bill, it appears, can make a consistent scorer out of any person capable of skating the length of the ice."

CUT-UP Commenting on the bust-up between Brian Timmis and Sam Manson over division of the Hamilton Wildcats' football moneys, Andy (Toronto Star) Lyle quotes Anoris Stukas, long-time grid star, as saying: "Manson is doing the usual in these matters. Of course, the boys on top like Joe Krol and, say a good quarter-back, get the lion's share of the divvy. It's always been like that, and personally I'm in favor of it." Stukas, incidentally, is a good quarterback.

ROUND AND ABOUT

Nominations for the Women's Amateur Athletic Federation rose bowl, awarded to the year's outstanding girl athlete in Canada, number only three so far—Doris Geldard, Toronto junior swimmer; Joan Langdon, Vancouver swimmer; and Letty Smart, Toronto basketball player. Maj. Con Smythe, Toronto Leafs' manager in absentia, wrote from England: "I see where Pop Pat-

Junior Hockey Final Shifted to Toronto

TORONTO (CP) — President Frank Sargent of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association announced Wednesday night that the 1943-44 Memorial Cup finals for the junior hockey championship of Canada definitely will be played in Toronto as an "emergency measure."

Because war has confused the amateur hockey picture, Sargent said, delegates attending a two-day C.A.H.A. meeting here decided to shift the Memorial Cup venue from Winnipeg to Toronto as "insurance" that the greatest possible number of spectators may attend what is likely to become the C.A.H.A.'s premier attraction.

Sargent said the meeting, which ended Wednesday, failed to take definite action on sites or dates for other junior and senior playoffs within the association's purview. The Allan Cup final for the senior championship is scheduled to be played in eastern Canada, but the president said this and other matters were left in abeyance because of the war situation as it affects hockey.

"We intend to deal with each situation as it arises," said Sargent, noting C.A.H.A. officers are empowered as a war measure to make executive decisions without a formal meeting. Shrinking attendance at junior games in Winnipeg was believed partly responsible for the decision to transfer the Memorial Cup finals to Toronto, where 73,389 fans witnessed the six-game 1942-43 series between Oshawa Generals and Winnipeg Rangers.

rick is now missing the Americans, they used to be good for 25 per cent of his points at least each year. Well, he's the one that wanted them out, so, maybe, those of us that want them back can get to see the light." The loud chuckle in the background is from Red Dutton. Ross McKelvie, the Balm Beach football star, is playing junior hockey with Stratford Kroehlers.

London Publisher Pays \$63,780 For Derby Candidate

LONDON (CP) — To a man with ambitions to win the 1944 Derby, \$63,780 is not a lot of money to pay for the horse which probably will rule the winter books as second favorite to take the classic.

Walter Hutchinson, prominent London book publisher, paid that price at the Newmarket sales recently for the fine two-year-old, Happy Landing, which has lost only to Dorothy Page's unbeaten Orestes.

"I think he will beat Orestes next year," Hutchinson said, and he was prepared to go well above the price paid to get the horse. The bidding began at about \$30,000 and jumped \$2,000 each time until Hutchinson's successful bid.

There are only 30 Canadians on a Liberator squadron which entered a team in the R.C.A.F. Overseas Hockey League but 14 of them managed to get away from their duties for two hours to represent the squadron in its first game. The "Libs" met the Canadian Mosquito Intruders and lost 12 to 1.

L.A.C. A. K. Hill of Toronto scored four goals for the Intruders while L.A.C. Frank Valent of North Bay, Ont., and Cpl. Don Prentice of Regina, netted a pair each. The lone goal for the "Libs" was scored by Sgt. Hill of North Hatley, Que.

The war is bringing about a change in the colors of some of Britain's most famous football clubs. The Board of Trade recently allowed 40,000 clothing coupons for new uniforms but many of the clubs will have to shed their historic color schemes for those of simpler manufacture.

Plain red, white or blue jerseys predominate now among the uniforms. Golf balls have become so precious, sales are made only if the purchaser brings in old balls which go into the manufacture of new ones, which are really only the old ones remolded. Regulations permit remodeling only if no additional material is used.

In a 1,000-word statement drawn up by the Players' Union, professional British footballers have made their contribution to the Football League Postwar Planning Committee. The players have asked for increased wages and the creation of a pensions fund.

There seems little chance that the £8 (\$36) a week maximum will be abolished though it is considered likely a guarantee minimum of £4 a week will be established.

Jockey Quinn Ruled Off Track for Life

BALTIMORE (AP) — The Maryland Racing Commission ruled jockey Matthew Quinn, 27, off the turf Wednesday for allegedly offering a bribe to another rider to hold back his mount in the first race at Marlboro last Nov. 27. The suspension was for life, although Quinn has the right to file a subsequent application for reinstatement. The vote was 2 to 1. Favoring the action were chairman Frank Small Jr., and commissioner George P. Mahoney, who ruled after several hearings that Quinn offered a bribe of \$150 to another rider, Joseph W. Pannell, to pull the horse Quota Sea.

Quinn denied the charges. REGINA (CP) — Wilcox Notre Dame Hounds boosted themselves into third place in the Southern Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League Wednesday night by trouncing Regina Abbots 8 to 0.

Hounds scored five goals in the first, Jim Lawrence, Chuck McCulloch, Doug Toole, Jim Elliott and Norm Brown getting the counters, and added the other three in the second from the sticks of Len Edwards, Nestor Lubeck and Norm Brown.

WINNIPEG (CP) — Tommy Fargher scored four goals as Winnipeg Monarchs defeated Winnipeg Rangers 8 to 2 in the Manitoba south division junior hockey league Wednesday night. The win gave Monarchs a game lead over St. James Canadians.

Other Monarch goalgetters were Tommy Fowler, with two; Joe Peterson and Spence Tatchell. Ian Mackintosh and Norman McDonald scored for Rangers, who have yet to post a victory this season.

Canadiens Well Away On Second Win Streak

Montrealers Meet Detroit On Home Ice

Montreal Canadiens, building up to another fat winning streak after their early-season undefeated streak was halted at 14 games, meet Detroit Red Wings tonight in the only National Hockey League game scheduled. The game will be played in Montreal.

Now leading the parade by seven points, Canadiens have won their last three games while the fifth-place world champions have been restricted to one victory in their last five games. A triumph for Detroit would lift Wings into a fourth-place tie with Chicago Black Hawks, who trail Toronto Maple Leafs by two points and Boston Bruins by four.

The outcome of tonight's game will have little effect on the individual scoring race. Buddy O'Connor of Canadiens is the only player from either team among the first seven scorers.

HAWKS TRAIN LATE

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago Black Hawks hockey players are staying out late nights this week — but manager Paul Thompson approves because they're not breaking training.

The Hawks are staging mid-night practice sessions in preparation for their New Year's night game with Montreal Canadiens. Their home rink is unavailable because of an ice show, so Thompson ordered drills at another arena. But they were unable to begin practice sessions until around midnight. They continue for more than an hour.

COMMANDOS BEATEN

BALTIMORE (CP) — Curtis Bay Coastguard Cutters scored their second straight hockey victory over Ottawa Commandos here last night when they stopped the visiting Canadians by a 3 to 0 count. Cook, Barry and Asmundson scored the goals.

FIGHT CALLED OFF

NEW YORK (AP) — The boxing show scheduled for Madison Square Garden Wednesday night featuring Jake La Motta and George Kochan was canceled by promoter Mike Jacobs when it was learned that Kochan, a member of the coastguard, had received transfer orders effective immediately and would be unable to appear.

Racing Results

TROPICAL PARK—Horse racing results here Wednesday: First race—Six furlongs: Sorbusquet (Phipps) — \$7.10 \$3.50 \$2.70. Sun Island (Aikman) — \$3.10 \$1.60 \$1.30. Spare Room (Perman) — \$2.10 \$1.10 \$0.90. Time, 1:12 4-5. Also ran: Jue, Bays Station, Carlisle, Cuth, Prince Eugene. Second race—Six furlongs: Busy Kine (Green) — \$7.50 \$4.20 \$3.10. Earl Stewie (Bernardo) — \$3.10 \$1.60 \$1.30. Grace Tamm (Aikman) — \$2.10 \$1.10 \$0.90. Time, 1:14 4-5. Also ran: Guiz, Soledad, Please, Long Ago, Busy Madeline, Redco. Third race—Six furlongs: Hillman (Bernard) — \$22.40 \$7.20 \$4.50. Liberty Fan (Adams) — \$3.50 \$1.90 \$1.60. Zealbrand (Meyers) — \$2.10 \$1.10 \$0.90. Time, 1:12 4-5. Also ran: Spring Merry, Severton, Bottle Imp, Wide Advice, Snow Fl.

Fourth race—Six furlongs: Challenge Me (Nodares) — \$15.00 \$9.00 \$6.20. Freedom (Landers) — \$4.00 \$2.10 \$1.80. Leavenworth (Young) — \$3.10 \$1.60 \$1.30. Time, 1:12 4-5. Also ran: Spring Merry, ing, Bright Ralph, Jean Bottoms, The Capital, Gellies, Vin, Canina, Red Emilio, Red Light. Fifth race—Six furlongs: Eric Knute (Aikman) — \$16.10 \$2.70 \$2.30. Fag (Martini) — \$4.00 \$2.10 \$1.80. Bold Chance (Roberts) — \$3.10 \$1.60 \$1.30. Time, 1:11 4-5. Also ran: Meggy, Het Guardian, Ronet. Sixth race—Mile and a sixteenth: Navy (Bierman) — \$6.90 \$3.70 \$2.50. Kanlat (Giegler) — \$3.10 \$1.60 \$1.30. Sir Alfred (Aikman) — \$2.10 \$1.10 \$0.90. Time, 1:43 2-1. Also ran: Pui City, Whimperl, Fiddler's Bill, Oobler Lad. Seventh race—Mile and an eighth: Earl Quoy (Aikman) — \$10.20 \$2.70 \$2.30. Rocket Gal (Storony) — \$4.10 \$2.10 \$1.80. Facer Free (Richards) — \$3.10 \$1.60 \$1.30. Time, 1:52. Also ran: Poe O'Woe, Spring Dope, Macoma Tappa, Bonny War Bonnet, Wise Brave, Harbell, He's Avhile, Impregnable. Eighth race—Mile and 70 yards: Valinda Lord (Layton) — \$5.20 \$3.20 \$2.30. Time, 1:41 4-5. Also ran: Happy Prince, Budded, Knock Knock, True Last, Grand Day, Cherry Crush, Valinda Blush, Ack.

BROOKLINE, Mass. (AP) — Shirley Fry of Akron, Ohio, Wednesday entered the final round of the national indoor girls' tennis tournament in the biggest upset of the event, defeating Betty Rosenquist of South Orange, N.J., 6-3, 6-2, in a semifinal bracket. The Akron girl ranks 11th nationally.

Miss Fry meets Lillian Lopas of City Island, N.Y., the defending champion, in the championship match.

Hockey Standings

N.H.L.					
	W	L	D	F	A. P.
Canadiens	14	2	3	88	39 31
Boston	10	8	4	104	103 24
Toronto	10	10	2	96	92 22
Chicago	10	10	0	87	92 20
Detroit	7	9	4	71	82 18
Rangers	4	15	1	73	111 9

COAST LEAGUE

Goals					
	W	L	D	F	A. P.
R.C.A.F.	8	1	2	61	43 18
Navy	7	3	2	45	34 16
V.M.D.	6	5	1	49	53 13
Army	6	7	0	65	51 12
St. Regis	3	10	1	50	74 7
C.P.A.L.	2	6	2	41	56 6

Gil Dodds Takes Sullivan Trophy For Sportsmanship

NEW YORK (AP) — Gilbert Dodds, the running parson from Boston, Wednesday was named winner of the James E. Sullivan Memorial Trophy — the award annually given by the Amateur Athletic Union to the athlete in the United States judged to have done the most to advance the cause of sportsmanship during the year.

In winning the trophy that has gone to nine other trackmen since it was first awarded to golfer Bobby Jones in 1930, the national 1,500-metre champion had things pretty much his own way in the final balloting of 600 United States sports leaders. He polled 860 votes compared with 469 for Bill Smith, the Hawaiian swimming ace stationed at Great Lakes naval training station.

Joseph Platak of Chicago, who has dominated handball competition for many years, was third with 425 votes. He was followed by Bill Hulse, America's fastest miler from New York A.C., with 393 votes and Ann Curtis, outstanding woman swimmer of 1943 from San Francisco, with 263.

UNIQUE SELECTION Dodds' selection was unique in that he won top honors the first time his name was submitted to the sports leaders. Until two years ago the divinity student, who races for the Boston A.A., was virtually unknown. He won the national indoor mile title and the outdoor 1,500-metre in 1942 and repeated this year in the 1,500 metres.

He rose to his greatest heights, however, while bowing to Gunder Haegg during the Swedish runner's tour of this country last summer. Dodds met Haegg in a series of races that raised \$135,000 for the Army Air Forces Aid Society. When Haegg set an American mile standard of 4:05.4 at Berea, Ohio, and Hulse finished second in 4:06, Dodds turned in his fastest clocking for the distance with a 4:06.1 mark.

A total of 1,878 persons were killed by accidents in 1942 in the minerals industry and 97,232 injured severely enough to prevent their working again, the same day at least; approximately 812,000 persons were employed in these industries.

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Letters to Editor

Correspondents are reminded to use one side of the paper only, to write legibly, and to keep their communications within a reasonable length. A short letter with a point—concisely expressed—has a better chance of publication than one with labored platitudes.

HARDY VICTORIANS

I have no wish to minimize the courage of those Christmas Day Polar Bears, but wonder if the crowd that watched the race know that real polar bears go in the water daily—not once a year.

At Dallas Road on Christmas I counted eight of them sporting in the sea, a rough one at that; each swam much farther than 50 yards.

I refer to those hardy sons of Victoria who take a daily dip not for a cup, nor for any publicity, but for the health-giving sport of it.

Dressing and undressing on the banks in a wind calls for some courage, and to those men I take off my hat. They are real sports.

JAMES CURRAN,
706 Pandora Ave., Dec. 27.

Uncle Ray

Arctic Snowfields May Gain Depth With Passing Years

We think of the torrid zone as being a hot part of the earth, and that is true in a general way. If you spend a month on low land near the equator, you will learn what hot days can be like!

Now and then, however, a city in the torrid zone has a chilly day. Canton, China, is just inside the zone, and usually has very mild winters, but a heavy snowfall is in the records of the city. In one day and night, four inches of snow fell there!

During trips through the torrid zone, we can find snow on the ground in certain places. I am thinking of tall mountains which are covered by snow the year around.

The Himalaya Mountains in India are covered by snow at all times. If you climb those mountains to a height of three and a half miles, you will be in the midst of snow and ice.

In South America, the Andes Mountains run through Ecuador, a country which is cut by the



Equator. Right on the line of the Equator is a mountain peak with snow on it all through the year.

Even if it does have snowclad peaks, the torrid zone is for the most part a place where snow does not fall.

What a different story it is in the frigid zones! Most of the ground in those zones is covered with snow and ice during every season.

In the short Arctic summer, a part of the snow may be melted, but cold weather comes quickly. More snow is likely to come down in winter than will be melted during the next summer.

For that reason, the snow may gain in depth as the years go by. In some parts of the Arctic it is hundreds of feet deep.

We live in the north temperate zone, and do not have so much snow to think about. In some places—Yellowstone Park, for example—the snow may gather in ravines to a depth of 15 to 20 feet, but that is not common.

Even a few feet of snow on the ground may cause trouble. If it were not cleared away it might block the passage of trains and automobiles. Happily, we have powerful snowplows which can clear railway tracks and roads within a few hours after a heavy snowfall.

(For general interest section of your scrapbook.)

Through the watchfulness of Audubon Society wardens, egrets of Florida's Everglades have been brought back to nearly their former abundance.



ROOSEVELT AND SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN AT CHRISTMAS PARTY—President Roosevelt and his seven grandchildren are shown with their Christmas tree at Hyde Park, N.Y., Christmas Eve, as they celebrated the holidays. Left to right: Franklin, 3rd, 5; Curtis Boettinger, 13; the President holding Christopher, 2, and Ann Sturgis, 1; Eleanor Boettinger, 16, with Johnny Boettinger, 4, on her lap, and Haven, 3.

Thursday Cooking Hints

Something Special For New Year's

By MARIE O'GURNEY

You had turkey for Christmas and perhaps are turning to chicken for New Year's. How about a real dressing or stuffing for the chicken or goose, if you go in for fowl?

Here are some suggestions: Chopped cooked sausage, mushrooms, chopped celery or grated carrot added to the dressing, or seasoned mashed potatoes used as the base of the dressing. One might give a chicken a "way down south" flavor by stuffing it with corn-bread dressing. Make it the same way as you do savory stuffing, but use cornbread crumbs instead of bread crumbs and add a bit of thyme for flavor. Make the dressing before you go out New Year's Eve; it will keep well in the refrigerator until you are ready to put your fowl in the oven next day.

Here are some of Marie Holmes prize recipes:

APPLE STUFFING
(For Duck or Goose)
Six tablespoons bacon fat, 1 cup chopped celery, 1 cup chopped onion, 1/2 cup parsley, 8 large tart apples, diced; 1/2 cup sugar, 2 cups fine, dry bread crumbs, salt and pepper.

Melt bacon fat in frying pan. Add celery, onion and parsley and cook in fat for 3 minutes. Remove vegetables, leaving fat in pan. Put apples in pan, sprinkle with sugar. Cover and cook slowly until tender. Uncover and cook until glazed. Add crumbs and cooked vegetables. Season with salt and pepper.

Yield: About 6 cups. (Duck requires about 3 cups, so divide recipe in half.)

ONION STUFFING
(For Duck or Goose)
Parboil 4 to 6 onions for 10 minutes. Drain, chop fine and add to plain stuffing. (4 cups bread crumbs, 1-3 cup melted butter or bacon fat, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1/4 teaspoon poultry seasoning, sage or thyme.)

Yield: About 6 cups. (For average size duck about 3 cups dressing is needed so divide recipe in half.)

WATERCRESS STUFFING
(For Chicken or Turkey)
Half cup onion, finely chopped. 1/2 cup butter, shortening or bacon fat, 6 cups stale bread crumbs, 1 teaspoon salt, 1/2 teaspoon pepper, 1/4 cup chopped watercress, 1/4 cup chopped celery leaves.

Saute onion in butter or other mild-flavored fat until tender, but not brown. Mix in other ingredients.

This amount of stuffing is enough for a 4 1/2-pound chicken. Double the amount for a 12-pound turkey.

TAFFY APPLES
Two cups granulated sugar, 1/2 cup light corn syrup, 3/4 cup water, 2 teaspoons cinnamon, red food coloring, apples.

Combine all ingredient except apples, adding enough food coloring to give the desired rosy coloring. Boil together until syrup will form a brittle ball in cold water. Place the pan over hot water and dip into it the apples which have been washed, polished and stuck on skewers. Allow to become thoroughly coated, then remove and place

on a rack until the syrup hardens. An inverted colander or wire dish-dryer will serve this purpose.

A reader sends in a couple of good recipes which she has tested and uses regularly:

LEMON DESSERT
One package lemon jello, 1 1/2 cups hot water, 1-3 cup honey or syrup, 1 tablespoon lemon rind, 3 tablespoons lemon juice (which is the rind and juice of an average size lemon). Also add 1-3 cup sugar at this point. Let it set until it thickens slightly and reaches the mushy stage. Whip one large can of ordinary canned milk (if and when you can get it) and fold it into the mixture. Crush 1/2 pound vanilla wafers or graham crackers. Line pan with half of the crumbs.

This dessert cuts beautifully. It is large, but can be cut in half. It will keep very well in a refrigerator.

Today's Crossword Puzzle

HORIZONTAL

1. Pictured American sculptor.
2. Cheater.
3. Seize part.
4. Blipsoidal figure.
5. Mother.
6. Woody plants.
7. Low sand hill.
8. Lie at ease.
9. Electrical term.
10. Hypothetical structural unit.
11. And (Latin).
12. Porting.
13. Wanderer.
14. The gods.
15. Moderately cold.
16. Rung.
17. Vaguely.
18. Half an em.
19. Lone Scout (abbr.).
20. Each (abbr.).
21. Exclamation.
22. Diving bird.
23. Sane.
24. Rationed items.
25. Negative.
26. Outbuildings.
27. This helps win the war.
28. Secluded retreat.
29. He was only 25 when he created his famous statue of —.
30. Portals.
31. Harem room.
32. He is in.
33. New Zealand bird.
34. Everything is that of —.
35. In the Memorial at Washington.
36. Type of fuel.
37. Enroll.
38. Made of lead.
39. Sweet potatoes.
40. Greatest.
41. Withered.
42. Upon.
43. Hawaiian bird.
44. Pale.
45. Green of brins.
46. Poems.
47. Misuse (abbr.).
48. Morinda dye.
49. Diminutive of Samuel.
50. Jumbled type.
51. Direct (abbr.).

VERTICAL

1. Alienate.
2. Man's name.
3. Egyptian river.
4. Bridges to it.
5. Ella English.
6. Supper (abbr.).
7. Entomology.
8. Spokenard.
9. Indian.
10. Provided with.
11. Poems.
12. Misuse (abbr.).
13. Morinda dye.
14. Matched groups.
15. His most famous statue is that of —.
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SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



The guests want to play some New Year games, George, so come on and cut out those silly antics!

Goebbels Foresees 'Dangerous Year'

NEW YORK (AP)—"A dangerous year in which the fate of civilized mankind is once more at stake" is foreseen in 1944 by Goebbels, the Berlin radio quoted the German Propaganda Minister as saying today.

"We do not deny that the enemy has caused us much difficulty and will do so also in the future," Goebbels said in his year-end review. "That is so in war."

The year 1944 still contains riddles upon riddles. "But he concluded that 'the enemy has not succeeded in depriving Germany of the essential economic and military positions—the preliminary conditions for the coming final victory—which German armed forces had conquered by its past great victories for German security.'"

Synthetic rubber flexible hose, which resists oil and other degrading liquids and seals itself when hit by gunfire, is now used in warplanes.



FO. Ian George Gillespie, R.C. A.F., second son of Mr. and Mrs. Erroll P. Gillespie, 326 Manor Road, reported missing after air operations overseas.

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WHY, YES—YOU'RE THE YOUNG MEN I MET OVER NEAR THE PARK A WHILE AGO!

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I'M FLATTERED, MY BOY!

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GLADLY!

TO Frankie and Sam, with sincere appreciation for accompanying me. Horace Clarke

U.S. Railroads Run With Troops in Charge

WASHINGTON (AP)—With the army at the throttle, the railroad system of the United States was rid of a strike threat today but not of the wage controversy that provoked it.

Two brotherhoods, the trainmen and the engineers, executed agreements with the carriers, but the demands of the 18 other organizations remain unsettled. The case of the 15 nonoperating unions, in fact, seemed more tightly knotted than ever.

Chiefs of three operating unions—conductors, firemen and switchmen—told Lt. Gen. Brehon B. Somervell early Wednesday they would not challenge the government, but they delayed sending strike cancellation orders to their chairmen in the field until 9 p.m. in order to include in the message some information of the wage settlement. The order finally was sent without such information because, the union chiefs said, government spokesmen had avoided a commitment. The contracts signed by the trainmen and the engineers provided for an increase of nine cents an hour and a week's vacation. Similar terms were reported available to the fireman, conductors, and switchmen, but the chiefs of these unions feared acceptance would mean a wage freeze for the duration of the war.

Scarce Rabbit Serum May Save Boy's Life

ATLANTA, Ga. (AP)—Two hundred milligrams of scarce rabbit serum, antihemophilus type B, arrived from New York by plane early today and was being administered to two-year-old Bary Jackson in an effort to save his life. The boy's father, L. P. Jackson, appealed through the Atlanta Constitution Wednesday for a supply of the serum when his son, suffering from influenza type of meningitis, lapsed into a critical condition.

Under supplementary government orders just issued, electric and gas utilities may now be extended by short lines to serve a substantial number of users; until now they could be extended only to meet urgent war needs.

OUT OUR WAY



WHY MOTHERS GET GRAY



MR. AND MRS.

By Arthur Folwell and Ellison Hoover



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Every Hall In City Booked For Dancing New Year

New Year's as usual seems to be the consensus from hotel managers, orchestra leaders and taxi-drivers in Victoria who are all anticipating no slack in celebrations from wartime restrictions.

Apart from the big dances at the Empress Hotel and the golf clubs, fun-frolics and old-time dances will extend in a wide radius about Victoria, every available hall being engaged.

Despite the difficulty in buying paper decorations, hats and noisemakers, most places are planning to gladden halls and lounges with bunting, cedar boughs and last year's trimmings. Colwood Golf Club will decorate "more than last year," while the Oak Bay Golf Club is getting green-keepers on the job. Many places, like the Empress, are fortunate in having a good stock on hand from early ordering, with paper hats and whistles plentiful, and can scarcely be said to be anticipating a "Silent Night."

NO RUSH ON LIQUOR

Commenting on the liquor situation, Liquor Commissioner W. F. Kennedy said liquor stores are not expecting a rush.

"The majority of permit holders have made their purchases already. They may be holding it over, but the fact is it is sold lets us out," he said.

This being the first Yule festivity under the current rationing system, Mr. Kennedy declined to comment further than to say "We can't make anything of it yet."

With two major holidays on one month's permit, those who would faint "take the daughter of the grape to spouse" in true Omar Khayyam manner will have earned their reward if they have managed to hold on to the one 26-ounce allotted each permit-holder.

Less available liquor is one contributing factor to Chief of Police McLellan's opinion that "the celebration is dying out." "No firecrackers now," he said, "all that is taboo. The last two years have been quieter for the police than previously" (and this despite military influx). He added that lack of cars milling around the streets is another reason for diminished police activity.

LIMIT OF 300 COUPLES

The Empress Hotel, sold out now for seven weeks, is limiting its \$12.50 couple tickets to about 300.

"We could accommodate more but for staff shortage," one staff member said. Floor show from Seattle will feature intermission time. Ramaine and Babette, who specialize in "athletic antics," and Thomas and Renee, ballroom dancers, arrive from across the border today. Many Seattle and Portland visitors will be present to hear Billy Tickle's specially augmented orchestra.

The lovely setting of Colwood

Golf Club is also being primed for New Year's festivity, with 350 tickets at \$10 a couple having been sold out "for weeks."

Heaton's orchestra will add to the joyous spirits circling round Uplands Golf Club when 160 people will dance, play bridge and games before enjoying a buffet-style dinner. Fred Smith will convene. At \$4 a couple.

Another night spot which will twinkle brightly on this night of nights will be the Oak Bay Golf Club, where, for \$6 each, 90 couples will ring out the old, ring in the new.

Some service cantens, like the Red Shield and the Balmoral Blue Triangle, focussed celebrations on Christmas Eve and are merely remaining open as usual Friday and Saturday, with no special program. Others, like the Hostess House, will engage special orchestras to add that extra fillip to the highlight party of the year.

MANY DOWNTOWN DANCES

Servicemen and servicewomen will not lack places to go. Downtown Bunk McEwen's orchestra will play at the Lewis ballroom, 1305 Broad Street; the Crystal Garden will hold upper and lower ballroom dances, the latter with the Irvine's orchestra. The Chamber of Commerce Hall will be filled with merry-makers from 9 "till the crowd goes home," they say, with streamers and confetti in profusion.

The Y.M.C.A. dance takes special care of those who go stag. Bernie Porter's orchestra will play.

Those who like old-time dances will flock to the A.O.F. Hall from 9 to 3 a.m.

TAXIS AT PREMIUM

Out in the suburbs, New Year's will be hailed with the same gusto as in town. Community halls at Lake Hill, Royal Oak, Sooke, Brentwood and Saanichton, have all planned to climax the year with a bang, for about \$1 each, including refreshments. Taxes anticipate one of the biggest rushes in years, with even more private cars off the road than last year. One of the biggest taxi companies here is already completely booked-up.

B.C. Serbian People Form Organization

Persons of Serbian and Slavic racial origin, whether British subjects or not, have banded together in the Serbian Educational Home, which was registered at the Parliament Buildings this week under the Societies Act, with headquarters in Vancouver. The society is for the fraternization of persons of Serbian origin and they will form themselves into dramatic, musical and educational committees.

Officers are as follows: Bogdan Jakanovich, president; Tom Stojkovic, vice-president; Ostaja Kovacevich, secretary; Dusan Naranich, treasurer.

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Formal Calls Off This New Year's Day

Formality will be missing to a large degree from Greater Victoria's observance of New Year's Day, a survey of cancellations of the usual reception, calendar indicated today.

With Government House announcing the decision to drop its at-home owing to refreshment difficulties, major gatherings of that type have almost disappeared.

The City Council, which received annually in the mayor's office up to January, 1940, has abandoned the function for the duration of the war, while Bishop H. E. Sexton has stated the usual at-home at the Bishop's Close will not be observed this year.

The traditional "first-footing" of the Scots will doubtless continue, with members of the clans gathering briefly at homes of friends, and the increasingly popular neighborhood calls will most likely go on.

While supplies may be unearched during the coming weekend, it is generally conceded the polite thing to do will be to choose tea or ginger ale when the host offers refreshments.

Coroner's 'Flu Postpones Inquest

Inquest into the death of D. J. Farmer, 70, 2858 Douglas Street, auto accident victim, was halted at McCall's Funeral Home today when Dr. E. C. Hart, coroner, declared he was physically unable to carry on with the inquest.

Confined to his home with the flu, Dr. Hart left a sick bed to swear in the jurors and allow them to view the body in order that it might be buried.

He asked that the inquest be resumed at 10.30 Tuesday morning, and on learning that the time was suitable to the jurors and witnesses, adjourned the hearing.

Mr. Farmer, a retired tailor and first World War veteran, died in St. Joseph's Hospital early Sunday morning following an auto accident at Douglas and Market Streets Saturday evening. He was struck while crossing the street by a car driven by Robert Wyllie, coxswain at H.M.C.S. Givenchy 2.

Civilian Gasoline Use Up in November

British Columbians last month consumed 101,646 gallons, more gasoline for private car driving than they did in November a year ago, according to monthly figures made public today by the Coal and Petroleum Control Board.

The board says the weather accounts for this increase. Weather this year has been exceptionally good for motoring; a year ago it was inclement and motorists stayed home.

In November, however, there was a decrease of 367,156 gallons compared to October.

Civilian sale of gas last month amounted to 5,788,249 gallons. November figures follow: To private cars, 4,283,204 gallons, an increase over November a year ago of 101,646 gallons; to commercial accounts, 2,249,376 gallons, a decrease of 172,378 gallons over November, 1942; marine, 255,669 gallons, an increase over November, 1942, of 80,833 gallons.

Mayor in Hospital

Mayor Andrew McGavish is confined to St. Joseph's Hospital with a chest complaint. The hospital reported today that his condition was slightly improved.

T. Norman Elected Trustee at Langford

At a special school meeting held on Wednesday evening in the schoolhouse, Trevor Norman was elected trustee to fill the unexpired term, one and a half years, of A. Whisker, who has resigned. Mrs. A. F. Bayles was elected auditor. The chairman announced the resignation of the principal, Mrs. M. Robson.

Walter A. Tuck, 73, Former Clothier, Dies

Walter Anson Tuck, 73, well-known Victoria businessman who came here 18 years ago, died at Royal Jubilee Hospital and will be cremated tomorrow. He had been ill for some time.

Mr. Tuck was in business in Calgary for many years and came to Victoria in 1925, buying the pioneer clothing business of Mearns and Fuller at the corner of View and Douglas. He retired some years ago. He had lived in recent years at 410 Simcoe Street.

There will be no letter carrier or rural mail deliveries on New Year's Day, Jan. 1, according to an announcement today from the Post Office. Wickets will be open from 8 in the morning until 12 noon, and the Post Office lobby will be open from 6 in the morning until 6 in the evening. Only street letter box collections to be made, will be in the evening, but all mails due to be dispatched will be made up as usual.

With Our Servicemen

By DICK FREEMAN

Navy boys were overjoyed when they were granted four days' leave at Christmas, but, unfortunately for them, there was a catch in it. They have since learned that the furlough allowed them over the Christmas holidays may be taken off their annual leave. It was learned on investigation today that the report is substantially true. Naval spokesmen say there is no change in policy regarding navy furloughs.

The set-up differs from the army or the air force. In the navy 48-hour leaves are in order, and men get from two to four weeks' annual leave in two-week periods, as exigencies permit, after being in the service six months. But leave in the navy, it is pointed out, is a privilege. New Year leave is not being considered, as far as it can be ascertained officially. If any leave is granted, it will be a special privilege. The ships have got to be kept at sea.

The navy boys also are irked by the fact that they did not get their December pay until after the Christmas holidays. In November they were paid on the 26th, December pay cheques came along on the 29th.

The going was so tough for some of the boys, it is stated, that Christmas presents held at the stores by a deposit could not be claimed. Reason: Depleted purses.

Cpl. Torchy Peden, R.C.A.F., physical training instructor at Edmonton, has returned to his duties after spending Christmas leave with his parents, 820 Princess Avenue.

On the eve of transfer east, Warrant Mechanician W. V. Jones of H.M.C.S. Naden II, received tangible evidence of his popularity. Fellow officers presented him with a briefcase; C.P.O.'s, P.O.'s and ratings, an inscribed mantle clock and traveling trunk; artificer apprentices, a \$50 bill. Warrant Mechanician Jones, for the past three years, has been on the staff of the mechanical training establishment at Naden. He has been with the navy for 23 years, serving at various times aboard Canadian ships: Aurora, Patricia, Skeena, Restigouche, Champlain, Vancouver, Thiévalp, Armentieres and H.M.S. Calcutta.

Sgt. Charles E. Stevens, R.C.A. S.C., Red Deer, Alta., and Henry F. Stevens of the works department, Western Air Command, R.C.A.F., Vancouver, spent Christmas leave with their parents, 310 Moss Street.

Pte. W. W. Melville, taking the 2nd Canadian Army university course, Vancouver, is spending the holidays with his parents, Capt. and Mrs. W. W. Melville, Ten Mile Point.

FO. Walter Fitzgerald Sheppard, R.C.A.F., was killed in air operations overseas, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Sheppard, Glen Court Apartments. He was navigating with a Lancaster aircraft attached to the R.A.F. on his last flight over Germany.

FO. Sheppard joined the R.C.A.F. three years ago, graduated as navigator at Quebec and received his commission overseas. He was born in Calgary and schooled at Kerrobert, Sask., from where his parents came to this city four months ago.

Lieut. J. E. Boak, R.C.N.V.R., son of Dr. and Mrs. Eric W. Boak, 1070 Joan Crescent, is enjoying a month's leave at home before returning to eastern Canada. He has been plenty of active service, attached to Royal Navy Commandos at Dieppe, North Africa and Sicily. He returned to Canada for training at a member of the R.N. fleet air arm.

Lieut. Rodney E. Ronshaw, R.C.E., was married Wednesday at Christ Church Cathedral to Mary Kathleen Steele, 431 Linden Avenue.

Albert Stone, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Stone, 217 Wildwood Avenue, has left for Camp Borden after spending Christmas leave with his parents. He is with the tank corps. Before joining up, Albert was employed in the Parliament Buildings. He served for about two years with an artillery unit in the reserve army.

Who doesn't know Dick Thorne, colorful drum major of the R.C.N. band? He may be missing from the band ranks shortly, says Gangway, navy monthly. Says the Gangway: "Dick is torn between two loves: his love of adventure and his wife in Vancouver. Not that he is unhappy at his drum-major job; far from it; some of his best friends are members of the famous Naden band. But he is getting a little tired of a shore berth; wants to get into action with his pale overseas. No one watching Dick twirling the drumsticks would think he was nervous on parade. To quote, he says: 'It's a good job for a guy with a lot of nerve, but I've always been a little shy, even now after years at the job I still get the jitters.'"

Lieut. Eric Johnson, former member of the editorial staff of the Nanaimo Free Press and now serving with the R.C.N.V.R., has been loaned to the Royal Navy for special duty. . . . L. E. Barber, editor of the Chilliwack Progress,

has joined the R.C.N.V.R. He has been working on the Progress since graduation from U.B.C. and is the fifth member of the Progress staff to enlist.

PO. J. J. Asher, R.C.A.F., and his wife, who ranks as AWL, R.C.A.F., are registered at the Empress Hotel today from Argentina. The Ashers are both from Buenos Aires, but have been in Canada for a year. PO. Asher has been transferred here after serving for some time at an up-coast station.

Wing Cmdr. H. Reginald Coventry, D.F.C., R.A.F., son of the Hon. and Mrs. Tom Coventry, 591 Falkland Road, previously reported missing July 14, is now officially presumed dead. The D.F.C. was awarded posthumously, the citation reading: "His was an outstanding and skilful captain. His squadron made attacks on some of the most heavily defended points. His leadership and courage were largely responsible for results obtained." Sqdn. Ldr. Robert Coventry, R.A.F., a brother, was killed in England in 1940. Two other brothers are on active service, Cpl. Gerald Coventry, R.C.O.C., and Lieut. Tom Coventry, R.C.N.V.R.

AC2. Roger Warburton, son of Capt. and Mrs. Harry Warburton, 1240 Basil, is spending the holidays at home. He has been stationed at Yorkton, Sask., but will go to Edmonton, Jan. 1 for I.T.S. studies. . . . AC2. George (Bud) Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Johnson, 1572 Vining Street, has left for Moose Jaw, Sask., after short furlough here. He is taking the aerial mechanics course.

TOWN TOPICS

Churches of Fernwood district will hold a community watch night service in Emmanuel Baptist Church Friday at 11.

A four-by-two-foot window at the Royal Victoria Theatre was smashed by a stone early today, city police reported.

The suggestion Victoria include construction of a new City Hall in postwar planning, is contained in a letter to the council from W. H. Dougan, 936 Heywood Avenue, received by the city clerk today.

H. Laird of a downtown hotel, while showing two sailors to their room at 5.20 this morning, was struck about the face and head by one of the sailors, he told the city police. The naval shore patrol are investigating.

A woman, previously convicted for intoxication, in city court today forfeited \$50 bail when she failed to appear to answer a charge of drunkenness. A man arrested at the same time had \$25 bail estrated. Parking and traffic fines totaled \$22.50.

A request to the provincial government's Department of Public Works to clean up the old Cathedral site and the triangle between Blanshard, Burdett and Collinson, will be forwarded by the city parks committee in an effort to reduce litter in that district.

Found guilty of dangerous driving following an accident at Four Mile Hill, Dec. 24, George B. Williams, Gordon Head, was fined \$30 and \$25 costs. Williams appeared in provincial court Wednesday before Magistrate H. C. Hall with Sgt. C. C. Jacklin, B.C. Police, prosecuting.

A No. 6 streetcar, proceeding east on Fort, and turning south on Cook, and a heavy army truck driven east on Fort, were in collision at 4.10, Wednesday afternoon. The front right corner of the streetcar was damaged and several windows broken. The rear corner of the truck was also slightly damaged. No one was injured.

New B.C. Companies

New companies incorporated at the Parliament Buildings this week under the Companies Act follow:

Parfit Construction Co. Ltd.; \$25,000, Victoria; Taylor Lumber Co. Ltd.; \$12,000, Princeton; Nicola Valley Logging Co. Ltd.; \$10,000, Kelowna; Livestock Feeders Ltd.; \$35,000, Prince George; Marine Salvage and Construction Co. Ltd.; \$10,000, Vancouver; O'Brien, Gourlay Ltd.; \$50,000, Vancouver; Davey Cartage Co. Ltd.; \$15,000, Vancouver; Angus G. Robertson; \$25,000, Vancouver; Ladner Fishermen's Co-operative Association, Ladner, was registered under the Co-operatives Act.

Portugal Grateful

LISBON (AP)—Portugal this month received 43,000 tons of wheat from Canada, the United States and Argentina. Eight ships—three British, two Swedish, one Spanish and two Portuguese—carried the cereal.

The newspaper O Seculo commented: "There is much we owe these nations which, under present conditions and despite their own requirements, are supplying Portugal with greatly-needed wheat and even transporting it in their own ships, since the Portuguese merchant marine is insufficient."

Archie Macdonald Dies in England

Word was received Wednesday night of the sudden death in Maldenhead, England, on Christmas Eve, of Archibald Christopher Macdonald, son of Mrs. A. L. Macdonald, 1071 Redfern Street, and the late J. D. Macdonald. He leaves, besides his wife and three children in England, four brothers: Clyde, Victoria; Eric, Courtenay; Leslie, Kenora, Ont.; Jack, now overseas with the services, and one sister, Mrs. John Roach of Seattle.

Mr. Macdonald was born in Victoria in 1895 and served overseas in the last war as a lieutenant in the Canadian Scottish. He was wounded in the fighting in front of Rouen, France, in August, 1918.

After the war he returned to Victoria but a few years later went back to Manchester, Eng., where he had been until a few months ago, when he moved to Maldenhead.

Troops Partying Starts Tonight

New Year Eve is going to be something for the boys and girls in uniform. There will be plenty of fun on the big night in the entertainment program designed for them.

Partying starts tonight with a warm-up dance at Hostess House with Harry Parker's orchestra starting at 8.30.

Here the program for the rest of the week:

Friday

Prince Robert House—Dance from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., with Albert Denoni's orchestra, with New Year's favors and refreshments. Y.M.C.A. Hut—Dance for servicemen of the district. Knights of Columbus Hut—Dance with Betty Clare's orchestra, 8.30 p.m. Hostess Club—Dance at 8.30 p.m., with Hunt's orchestra.

Saturday

Canadian Jewish Congress Servicemen's Centre—Dance at 8.30 p.m., pretty hostesses provided. Prince Robert House—Dance at 8 p.m., with Albert Denoni's orchestra.

School Surplus About \$2,000

Victoria's school board will finish the year with an operating surplus of approximately \$2,000, according to a statement from Trustee Austin Curtis, finance committee chairman, today.

The actual amount could not be determined pending settlement of late bills, but a satisfactory sum was assured on the credit side of the ledger.

The City Council's surplus will not be known definitely for some weeks, but indications point to a substantial amount for the carryover into 1944.

31 Chinese Coolies Die Like Warriors On Banks of Yuan

By CLYDE A. FARNSWORTH CHANGTSEH, China (AP)—They fought for the first time on the shore of the Yuan River, where it curves westward from the "forever peaceful" gate of Changtseh, and they died there—31 men of the original 57th Chinese Division—shot as the coolies they had been, but as warriors.

The story of these men, to whom China's war had meant little more than the heavy pressure of shoulder yokes on bone and muscle, struck me as the most dramatic episode thus far disclosed of the Battle of Changtseh.

Col. Sun Ching-hsien, commander of the 17th Regiment of the immortal 57th Division, told how Japanese machine gun cross fire had so reduced the ranks that 35 army laborers and orderlies were rounded up and charged with the defence of more than 150 yards of the city's ancient wall.

That was late in the afternoon of Nov. 26. After dark they crawled along the ancient settlement to their assigned positions along the wall.

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"These men used rocks and bricks to beat back the enemy," Col. Sun said. "They also had five or six iron-tipped, wooden spears."

As soon as a Japanese head appeared in the darkness, the men would lunge at it with spears or stones. They beat off the attack. They saved at least 13 scaling ladders.

"Wouldn't it have been much simpler to shoot the Japanese with pistols as they came, rather than to use spears and brickbats?" I asked.

"They had few pistols and no bullets," the colonel replied. When this force and others along the wall could do so, they seized Japanese ammunition to increase their own waning fire power. They stuffed uniforms

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Prof. Scott Denies C.C.F. Party Plans To 'Centralize'

REGINA (CP)—Charges that the C.C.F. intends to "centralize" all power in a single government are contrary to the published program of the party, Prof. Frank Scott, professor of constitutional law at McGill University, Montreal, said today when he opened discussion on the C.C.F. and constitutional questions at the C.C.F. national conference here.

National chairman of the party, Prof. Scott pointed out "all federations have some centralized power; the C.C.F. idea of centralization is in principle, the same as that on which the present B.N.A. Act is built, and merely seeks to bring the constitution into line with existing social and economic facts. It is the vast industrialization of Canada, with the consequent centralization of economic and financial power which compels us now to strengthen our national government so that it can protect the Canadian people from exploitation at the hands of that irresponsible power."

M. J. Coldwell, national leader, said "an economic system based on the sole motive of private gain is passing; the monopolistic control of our resources by privately owned giant trusts and cartels is on the wane, the parrot cry for so-called free enterprise which trusts and cartels have already destroyed will not deceive the people in spite of the huge sums of money the financial interests are spending on the hiring of public relations counsels, the radio, press and financing of their political parties."

"It is our duty," he said, "to recognize our objectives and to devise ways and means through our parliament and legislatures of carrying out the will of the people."

The changes that would come could be made in Canada by the democratic methods to which the C.C.F. was pledged, he said. If the party failed in its great task the alternatives were economic and social chaos ending in some form of totalitarian dictatorship.

Urges Housing Equality

VANCOUVER (CP)—Postwar housing plans calling for elimination of class distinctions in cities and the total elimination of slums are under consideration by the federal government, J. G. Turgeon, M.P. for Cariboo and chairman of the House of commons committee on postwar reconstruction and rehabilitation, said in an address here.

"As I see life, I cannot see any reason for the manner in which our cities develop," Mr. Turgeon said. "The poorer districts are reserved for the poorer people; the other parts exclude the salaried workers, are reserved for executives. Nobody should have to live in a house which does not provide a decent standard of living."

CHICAGO (AP)—The traffic death toll in the United States during 1943 was estimated at 23,000 by the National Safety Council today, a drop of 20 per cent from 1942, and approximately 40 per cent from 1941.

of their dead with rice straw and set the dummies up at night to draw Japanese fire and disclose machine gun positions.

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Abandoned Farms Being Studied

In eastern Canada are between 12,000 and 13,000 farms, covering about 1,500,000 acres, which have been abandoned and have been idle for some time. This condition exists despite the fact that many thousands of acres of new wooded land have been cleared and settled in some parts of eastern Canada during the last 10 years.

Should this abandoned land, which to a large extent has already been cleared of its forest, be used for land settlement purposes instead of clearing new land of its original forest cover? In order to answer this question satisfactorily a very careful survey of each individual piece of abandoned property must be made and the reasons why it was abandoned studied.

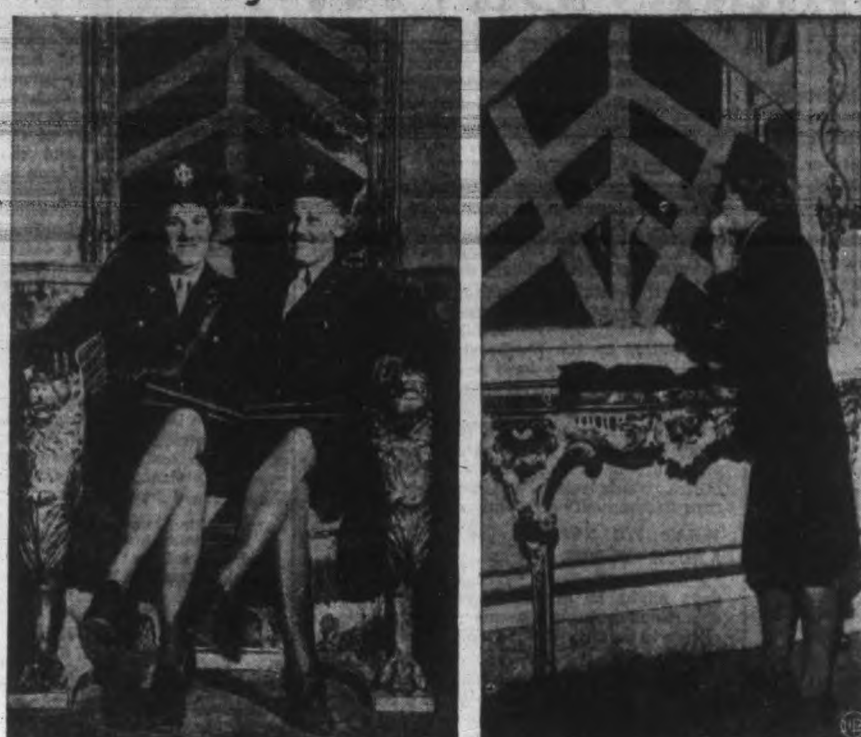
"Many farms were abandoned because the land was originally sub-marginal for agricultural purposes and no farmer could be expected to make a satisfactory living on such land after the forest resources were exhausted. On other farms the land, although originally of fair quality, has been gradually exhausted by unsound farm practices. Some farms had to be vacated because of acreage of suitable farm land was too small to provide a livelihood for the farmer.

The farms which have been abandoned for the reasons given are almost invariably poor prospects for future settlers. Such land, in most cases, is of greater value to the state and the individual if it is left to revert to forest. In some cases it may even be advisable to assist nature by planting young tree seedlings.

It should be observed that many farms located on good soils have been abandoned for various personal, social and economic reasons. The right type of settler could make a good home and build up a sound, economic enterprise on such land if he had the opportunity and so it would be very much easier to become established on some of these farms than to clear new forest land and bring it under cultivation.

The cost of rearing a child from birth to 18 years is approximately \$7,500 in American families with an average income of \$2,500 a year; deducting the cost of being born, the expenditure is about \$400 a year.

Fun in Italian King's Palace



SEAT OF KINGS—Where royalty sat and powdered its nose, two army nurses find out how it feels to dwell in queenly splendor. Lieut. Maryellen McCutcheon and Lieut. Wilma Ward, find the king's throne in the Naples palace is a right soft chair, and seats two comfortably. In the palace powder room, right, Lieut. Ward touches up her make-up at a mirror that once reflected the faces of queens and princesses. Mirrors were taped up to prevent shattering during air raids.



TINTYPE TABLEAU—Four soldiers and a nurse (at right) pose tintype style for a throne room portrait. Cpl. Joseph Barber, is king, with Lieut. McCutcheon as his queen, and Pte. Bill Dato, Pte. Bill Montgomery, and Cpl. Thomas Shaw, as "courtiers."

Tangier World Hot Spot Of Spies, Renegades And White Slavery

By HENRY J. TAYLOR (By Wire)

TANGIER—This internationalized, hot-spot, polyglot town of all-nations is, the toughest, most treacherous, wide-open keg of dynamite left in the world today. In addition to its crime-ridden, crooked, streeted Casbah, this Babel-speaking African seaport at the Atlantic gateway to the Mediterranean is a centre of criss-crossed treaties and double-crossed intrigue. The German consulate has 60 Arab-bribing, gum-shoeing attaches with nothing to do except spying and sabotage. There are two rival Italian staffs claiming to represent the king and Mussolini, and two rival French staffs loyal to De Gaulle and Vichy. Even local Spanish authority is split between civil and military, and over all is a sultanized Jafarian government for the local Moslem world.

From the visa standpoint, this place is heavily under wraps for traveling journalists, and as the first newspaperman to enter Spanish Morocco for months, I still do not know why there have not been more. For, no matter what combination of arrangements is necessary to get here, the fact remains that all other kinds of people have done it.

The so-called baron has just had a run-in with a wily individual on America's official blacklist named Major Jacques Gentry—a former military attaché of Vichy in Belgrade who now is here with a plainclothes Japanese major. Girl trouble, it seems, cropped up between the so-called baron of the striped pants and Vichy's local hopeful, the honorable Jacques.

sorted to guile by kidnapping the Siamese cat which was the most prized possession of his Moorish wife's mother, a lady of considerable influence in these parts. The cat was held hostage until the baron's mother-in-law forced Jacques to return her daughter to her crafty spouse. All of which J. Rives Childs swears is truth. Since my conversation with the baron this evening was quite brief, and was held in an ominously dark doorway, I didn't ask him about it.

The Rue Khalattine, which is about 10 feet wide, is the toughest street I ever saw. It curls about for a quarter mile through a district which has segments of Chinese, Spanish, Czech, Hungarian, Arab, Italian, French and Turkish. Every window is open from the "Hollywood Bar" at the intersection of the Calle Christians to the dead end where an Egyptian runs an all-night money-lender's stall. From the open windows of the tight-packed buildings, lights blaze and music blares. From saloons, dance halls and dope dives, every language from Hindi to Portuguese pours out into the sticky air until you wonder what awful conspiracy in the affairs of men could have brought all this together.

WIFE ABDUCTED

This is the capital of the white slave market linking Europe, Africa and South America. It is contraband headquarters from which our German and Japanese enemies work into and out of Allied-occupied French North Africa. Arab espionage agents, constantly moving with our North African forces, report to

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Prewar German hoarders of British banknotes, for example, were caught flatfooted when Britain prohibited the repatriation of any of its money to England. The German hoarders, therefore abandoning their hedge as best

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Western Canada and the Postwar World

By H. G. WYATT

What will be Canada's future in the air?

What should we do with the vast underground wealth of our Canadian northwest?

Is Canada able and ready to do her bit in promoting international democracy? and as parts of this question, what about our relations after the war with the peoples across the Pacific? and what can and should Canada do for peoples set adrift through the war—the 20,000,000 derelicts in Europe, the stricken millions of China and the multitudes of her own people demobilized from the forces and from war industries?

Here are some big questions, and they are all questions which should be answered now if we are not to prolong into the peace the distresses and the chaos of the war.

Such are instances of the problems which taxed the brains of the conferees at the meeting of the western branches of the Canadian Institute of International Affairs held recently at Saskatoon.

ABOUT THE INSTITUTE

A word or two about the International Institute before considering one or two of these questions in more detail.

The name Chatham House, London headquarters of the Royal Institute of International Affairs, is probably known to most newspaper readers. The Institute of International Affairs aims to bring together for conference and research people with the requisite knowledge, capacity and mental objectivity for investigating matters of international concern. It attempts to provide a faithful and full picture as is humanly possible of this moving world, for the guidance of those who are, whether wittingly or not, actually making the future—and that is all of us.

The Canadian branches of the Institute scattered across the Dominion try to provide this service for Canadians. That its discussions may be quite free and frank, it admits no reporters, and in publishing its proceedings attributes no views to any member by name, for people must feel free to say what they really know or think, not what some party expects of them, if they are to give to others a true picture of things as they are.

SASKATOON AGENDA

At a recent conference at Saskatoon the western branches of the C.I.I.A. (there were delegates from Winnipeg, Saskatoon, Regina, Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver and Victoria), chose for their agenda topics of particular concern to western Canadians. Let us consider the significance to us of some three of them.

1. Aviation, Canada almost overnight has acquired through the air a new position of world importance. I say a new position, because she already holds one position of world responsibility, for no other nation is so closely tied up with the two most powerful democracies united for the war, and let us hope, for the peace to follow, namely, the United States of America and the

British Commonwealth of Nations. And the future security of the world, the freedom of the common man everywhere from fear, will be frustrated unless these two learn to continue after the war to work well together. For this co-operation Canada is a small nation charged with a big part. For she has to fit her plans with those of both her great partners, and by force of history and of geography, the tides of tomorrow beat in upon her from both sides, and she must do all she can to harmonize their impact—like in her own interest and in that of the world. That is a vast responsibility.

Aviation has suddenly added another. The airplane has drawn the world together by accelerating traffic and travel; no place in the world is more than 60 hours by plane from any other. And Canada has ceased to be the northern frontier of the continent of America; she is set suddenly in the centre of the inhabited world, crossways of the air routes between America and Asia, between America and Russia, between much of America and most of Europe. If the reader will survey a globe and not an ordinary Mercator's projection map he will see that this is so. In our Canadian west a chain of air fields from Edmonton on through Alaska connects America with the vast and awakening peoples of Asia, China, India, Russia and so on to Europe. According as the airways of the world are wisely or foolishly used, they will be potent for future war or for future peace. How is this new position of Canada to assist in bringing a blessing and not a curse to the human race? That is a frightening question, and the answer cannot be deferred to the end of the war.

RESOURCES

Take a second topic, the use of the natural resources of our Canadian northwest. In northern B.C., in the Yukon, in the north western territories, lie stores, unfathomed, of potential wealth, vast coal fields (in the bed of the Peace River), oil wells (near Fort Norman) and extensive oil tracts (the vast sands of Alberta), uranium and pitchblende (near the Great Bear Lake), which already supply the war needs for radium of the United Nations, and there is gold and silver, iron ore, copper, aluminum, lead, zinc, tungsten; three is a thriving fur industry, recently organized for ensuring regular production; there are lakes teeming with fish; there is abundant water power. The climate is proved suitable for human habitations, now placed in touch with the outside world by radio and plane.

Are we to leave these resources undeveloped? Are we to trust their exploitation to private enterprise or the old pioneering spirit? Or are we to make it a national enterprise? Have we here an opportunity for adventurous manhood released from the services or from war industries, or a promise of a new life to some of Europe's derelict millions? Or is the preliminary work of opening up these regions too complicated or too costly and

they could, dumped their Bank of England currency here. The result is that you can see four-dollar British pound notes selling in Slanchins Square here for \$2.50.

Local smugglers working between here and Algiers are making 300 per cent on their dealing in French francs—if their contacts work out. "But they're always trying something new," the American captain or Greek coastwise tramp steamer told me on the docks tonight. He then brought out and showed me a tray of a thousand gleaming "Swiss" watches. "The boys are putting a lot of these into Tangier," he said. "They were stored in Naples before the Americans attacked, and they came very cheap. They were made in Osaka, Japan."

(Besides Mr. Wyatt, a former chairman of the Victoria branch of the C.I.A.A., Dr. D. M. Baillie, the present presiding officer, and H. P. Hodges, chairman 1941-1943 and member of the National Council, attended the Western Conference at Saskatoon.)

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